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# MAROONS BID FOR MERLION

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND will defend the Merlion Cup for Australia in October if the ASF senior vice-president, Ian Brusasco gets his way!

Brusasco's surprise proposal is certain to face a barrage of opposition from other States at the ASF's executive meeting in Sydney on Friday.

There's no lack of confidence in Queensland

sport right now, after the State crushed NSW in both Rugby League and Rugby Union.

But Soccer is a completely different ball game!

Although Queensland is the closest major Soccer State to Singapore, other State Federations will surely protest that it would be an unfair con-

cession to send the Maroons overseas.

Brusasco believes the idea has merit because Queensland, who were beaten 2-0 by NSW at Perry Park in May will be able to send a full-strength side

... as it is unlikely the State will have any representatives in the 22-man Socceroos world tour party.

The question of who would pay the bills if Queensland goes to Singapore has not been raised.

But the ASF must decide soon on whether to accept an invitation to defend the Cup which the Socceroos convincingly won last year by beating the home team 4-2 in the Final.

The problem confronting the ASF World Cup Committee is that this year's tournament almost overlaps departure date for the world tour.

The Merlion tournament will run from October 14 to 28, which means the Final would be played only two days before the Socceroos leave for the first leg of their tour.

Brusasco the QSF's president, believes Australia should send some form of team to Singapore rather than miss the tournament, which the Socceroos have won for the past two years.

"Selling a State side may not be acceptable to Singapore or in-

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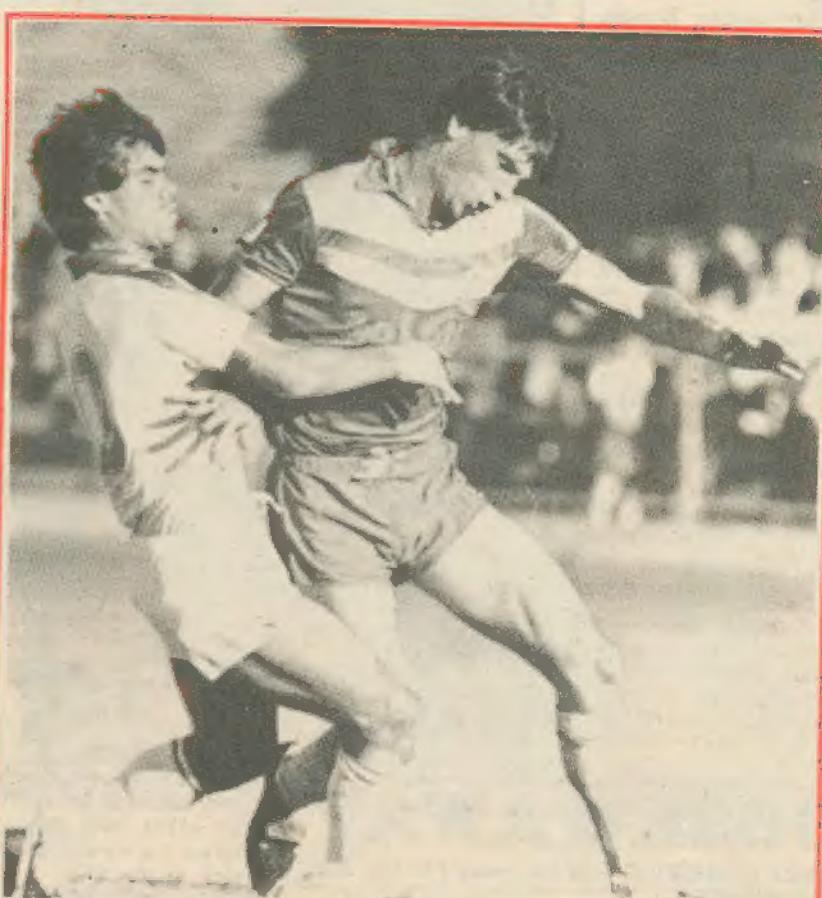
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Canberra Arrows' rugged defender Roy Jones (right) holds off the challenge of Sydney Olympic striker Peter Katholos. Canberra and Olympic drew 1-1 in the NSL match at Pratten Park.

## EDITORIAL

ONE of the biggest problems connected with the recent World Soccer Series played in Australia was the allocation of venues for matches.

Whoever made the final decision made some bad decisions.

In fairness to the promoter, Peter Sheean, his anxiety to take the games to places like the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Sydney Cricket Ground was reasonable.

Sheean was charging a lot of money for what were, basically, just friendly games.

He thought it desirable to ensure maximum comfort for the paying customers — hence the move to Cricket grounds where there is far more seating accommodation than at Soccer grounds.

In Adelaide, the decision to play at the Aussie Rules home, Football Park, for one match proved wise.

There were 20,000 people at Football Park to see Australia play Juventus and the homely Hindmarsh could never have handled such a crowd.

On the other hand, there was surely no necessity to use the MCG for the Melbourne matches.

Unlike Sydney, Melbourne is blessed with an excellent Soccer stadium.

Olympic Park has a perfect playing surface, brilliant floodlighting, and room for at least 35,000 spectators in comparative comfort.

Admittedly, the majority of people at Olympic Park would have had to stand. And the series promoters cannot charge as much for standing room as for seats.

But there has never been any agita-

tion in the past for big games to be taken away from Olympic Park.

We heard no complaints from the fans about discomfort, even though major attractions like AS Roma, Manchester United (with a full team and in their prime) and New York Cosmos were presented at the ground.

In Sydney, the SCG has never been a suitable venue for Soccer. Players dislike the playing surface and the spectators are too far from the action.

In addition, there is a depressing lack of atmosphere when some 5,000 people are spread around a ground which has a 50,000 capacity.

Sydney Sports Ground is not an ideal venue, mainly because there is little cover for people if it is a wet day; also the floodlights are hardly bright enough.

But more than 30,000 were accommodated there when Pele and his

Santos team played at the Sports Ground — a tremendous occasion with magical atmosphere.

Looking at the situation in Brisbane, Lang Park — Rugby League ground or not — was the only sensible place to stage the World Series games.

QSF headquarters at Perry Park is certainly not big enough for big games.

And the "recognised" Soccer venues like Richlands and Spencer Park could not even be considered.

But we all learn from our mistakes. If there is another World Series here next year, no doubt the promoters will think long and hard about the most suitable grounds on which to play the matches.

We must hope the MCG and SCG are both crossed off the list.

If they are, the players will all be delighted.

## D'OTTAVI'S CAUTION

BY TOM MCKAIN

**ADELAIDE CITY**  
football manager Bob D'Ottavi saved the club two precious points when he refused to play centre-back Neville Flounders recently.

Yet that was despite receiving permission from the NSL and the SA Soccer Federation.

City beat West Adelaide 1-0, but could have lost the points had they played Flounders, and West had protested.

City checked on the number of points he had, and the following "tale" unfolded to create a situation peculiar to SA and Queensland where NSL players are also registered with the local federation.

Flounders received a yellow card in a State League game during the World Soccer Series when the NSL was in limbo.

That caution brought him up to 12 penalty points, when added to his NSL cautions, and a one-match automatic suspension.

According to NSL office secretary Lyn Freeman, Flounders could play against Brisbane as he was automatically suspended from the State League game the day before (Saturday), so started the Sunday against Brisbane City with a clean sheet.

But D'Ottavi had other ideas, and pointed out that whenever an NSL player with dual registration was suspended clubs could claim that if he did not play in a State League game on the Saturday, that was his suspension served.

"It is all wrong, and in the end NSL manager Stefan Kamasz agreed with me, but we have written for clarification," said D'Ottavi.

## BOSKO AWAY

TONY BOSKOVIC will be away for the next few weeks.

His column in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will resume when he returns.

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# OVER-PHYSICAL SOCCER MUST BE STOPPED

### IS Australian Soccer too aggressive?

I ask this following a particularly rugged game between my team, Fairy Meadow, and Bathurst in NSW State League.

We had one player, full-back Ian Drain, suffer a broken leg following one particularly aggressive challenge.

Some days previously I had read Penrith City recruit Peter Nix state that he was having to adapt to the aggressive game that is played in Australia.

When you reflect that Nix had played previously with several

English Football League clubs, it makes one ponder on just how hard we are playing the game here.

BY MIKE JOHNSON

I went to Wollongong hospital after our match to see how Ian Drain was.

### Unskilful

While I waited for him, I was told he was

the fifth broken leg case that afternoon from playing sport, predominantly Soccer.

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, adult amateur Soccer in Australia used to be the ugliest, aggressive, unskillful, injury-prone Soccer I had ever encountered anywhere in the world.

Gradually this has modified somewhat, with the ethnic influence toning things down and skill gradually replacing brute force.

Nevertheless, brute strength and aggression, which plays such an important part in the traditional football codes of Rugby League, Union and Aussie Rules, still is a major factor in our Soccer, even at the highest level of the game.

Scotland's Glasgow Rangers, a team from a highly competitive Soccer nation, whose players are very aggressive themselves, complained that "the Australians kicked lumps off

us."

To be sure, if aggression is one of the prime qualities among our Soccer players, Frank Arok has every right to use this at international level.

Yet if our players are able to "kick lumps" out of foreign opposition, they are also able to kick lumps out of one another in their local competitions.

And they do.

A big show was made recently about the preponderance of injuries with players playing League.

As I observed Ian Drain lying in agony, I thought of my own 10-year-old son who had almost suffered the same injury on the same day, in a similarly over-aggressive Soccer game.

We now know that injuries suffered while young will pose health problems, many severe, in early middle age and beyond.

Another English player said recently in the press that England

had outlawed the crippling tackles from behind which, he said, were so prevalent here in Australia.

### Injuries

Several years ago, I went on a tour of professional Soccer clubs in Europe and England.

In England, which till that time still tolerated crash-tackling from behind, every club I visited had players with severe injuries in the treatment rooms.

In Europe, the clubs had not 20 per cent of the injuries experienced by the English professionals.

And now these English professionals are complaining about the over-physical quality of our game.

With so much leeway being given to the brutish part of our game, skill, which finds itself already struggling to survive in modern Soccer because of pressure defence, can be total-

ly nullified.

It needs the authorities to penalise over-physical play far more severely, to give skill the chance to flower. And just to protect players from being crippled.

Over-lenient referees, who book and send players off for word-of-mouth offences, yet let Soccer thuggery go unchecked, are the biggest menace to the health of players in Soccer today.

Strong referees, who know the game, not just rules, are needed.

So are strong administrators to back them up.

## MAROONS

### BID FOR MERLION

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deed the ASF. But the possibility of sending the Queensland team is worth investigating," Brussasco said.

It has been suggested that an Australian Youth team be sent to Singapore but playing in the tournament may not fit in with the World Youth Championship preparations mapped out by national Youth coach, Jimmy Shoulder.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell is delighted with the prospect of preparing a squad for an overseas tournament but has rejected suggestions that perhaps he could bring in "guest players" from other States.

"If it is going to be a Queensland team, I want only Queensland players. Given the right preparation I'm sure we could give a bold showing in the tournament," Stowell said.



ABOVE: Marshall Soper displays his cut shin after the Australia - Juventus match at the SCG.  
RIGHT: Peter Nix in action for Penrith City (dark shirt).



# SLICKERS IN THE RED FOR ANOTHER TITLE

WHEN it comes to National Soccer League championships, Sydney City have the staying power of a Melbourne Cup winner.

1, 1, 1, 2 ... that's the club's "form guide" under coach Eddie Thomson, and they are well on course for another first placing this year.

After 15 NSL rounds, Sydney City's statistics far outweigh anything anyone else has to offer.

They've only one defeat (1-2 to Leichhardt), with 11 wins from 15 games ... three wins more than any other club in the League, including the leaders of the National Conference.

That has enabled the Slickers to open up a big gap at the top, and naturally Thomson, back in the swing of club duties after coaching the national "B" team dur-

ing the World Soccer Series, is pleased.

"I'm quite happy," said Thomson. "We have a wee bit of a cushion at the top."

But he isn't claiming the title just yet.

"A lot of people think it's over, but it's not. There are still 13 games to go," he said.

However, opposition coaches already admit Sydney City will take a lot of catching.

There are five clubs Thomson believes have the ability to push his team right to the line — Marconi, Leichhardt, St George, Sydney Olympic and Parramatta Melita.

"Leichhardt are going really good, and they are probably the most consistent team," Thomson said.

"But all those clubs have got the players to win six or seven games on the trot, and for that reason they've got to be feared."

One of Sydney City's assets is their reserve strength. Against Melita, right-back Jimmy Cant and midfielder Paul Kay were out injured, yet replacements Ean Rodrigues and Gerry Gomez performed well.

That is just an example of the ability of Slickers' players to successfully switch positions when required, and of Thomson's

ability to fit players, particularly youngsters, into the "Sydney City machine".

Thomson's terrific NSL record



Eddie Thomson



EAN RODRIGUES

"People talk about our reserve strength.

but we have built our own reserves," Thomson said.

"Grant Lee, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Graeme Fletcher, Rodrigues ... they've been with us since they were 16, and all four are now over 20.

"In fact, only one player in our NSL squad, John Kosmina, cost us

money on the transfer market."

That's a point that makes Thomson proud as he guides Sydney City to their fourth championship in his fifth year as club coach.

And such a record will make the canny Scotsman one of the most successful coaches in Australian club football.



GRAHAM FLETCHER (right) wins this challenge against Saint George captain Peter Stone

## COLUSSO IS HERE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AFTER struggling in early season matches, Marconi has climbed off the canvas and scored some consistent results lately.

Now Marconi takes on NSL champions St George at the Marconi Stadium on Sunday — and Rene Colusso is expected to make his first guest appearance for the Fairfielders.

Colusso has been playing with Italian Third Division side Arezzo.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug said: "This is a do-or-die game for us. We are in the top four for the first time

this year and we must stay there."

"We will have Joe Rizzotto back and Colusso is available for selection."

Colusso will play three matches with Marconi.

"St George has a solid midfield and we must get a fair share of the ball to upset them," said Scheinflug.

Marconi is the second highest goalscoring side

in the Australian Conference with 33 goals.

Even though Saints have been struggling for points lately, they have been given a new ray of hope now that right-sided striker Robbie Slater has broken his goal drought.

But the big concern in the Saints camp is goalkeeper Terry Greedy, who injured his hip against Brisbane Lions.

## MARCONI v ST GEORGE



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ROB SLATER (St George)

# THERE'S A JINX ON NEWCASTLE GOALIES!

SAYS NEIL JAMESON

**GOALKEEPING**, a job fraught with risk at even the best of times, has apparently become a jinx position at Newcastle Rosebud United.

So far the jinx has claimed three keepers in rapid succession with injury the common denominator in all cases.

The horror run for Newcastle goalies started five weeks ago when Clint Gosling, enjoying one of his best years in the NSL, went lame.

The problem was diagnosed as a detached fragment of bone that was causing the knee to lock.

Clint missed one NSL match, giving coach Willie Gallagher no option but to ask Adamstown Rosebuds for the use of Steve Dorman to deputise in the Cup match with Sydney City.

Gosling returned but it became evident that he was less than fully

fit when he displayed difficulty in moving during United's 4-0 loss to Canberra.

## Collision

Dorman was reinstated for the return clash with Canberra while Gosling underwent surgery on the knee. However, Steve's taste of NSL football was again all too brief.

After just 12 minutes of the Bruce Stadium match, he collided heavily with Frank Farina, sustaining a dislocated shoulder.

He was taken to hospital in Canberra but was unable to get the shoulder put back in place.

So Dorman made the return flight to Newcastle in some pain and with the shoulder heavily strapped to avoid further damage.

Meanwhile, on the same day back in Newcastle, Adamstown reserve keeper Bruce Terry was filling Dorman's shoes in the

Northern Federation first division game against Maitland, unaware of the misfortune that had befallen his clubmate.

Terry would conceivably have found himself elevated to NSL status the following week but, with 15 minutes of the match remaining, he too fell victim of the injury jinx.

A collision with Maitland winger Robert Graham resulted in Terry being stretchered from the field and taken to hospital where X-rays revealed three fractured ribs.

Ironically, the run of injuries thrust John Street into the limelight at a time when he was considering a change of clubs because of the lack of opportunity at Adamstown.

Now, the former lower grade custodian is bound to get all the topline goalkeeping he can handle.

Meanwhile, Robert Cox is wowing them with

his feats for Hamilton Red Star.

You might recall that Cox played a few NSL games for Newcastle earlier this year but on Gosling's return moved to Red Star rather than sit on the bench.

If he had stayed with Newcastle, he would be playing rather than warming the bench.

**FOOTNOTE:** If the jinx continues don't be surprised to see Neville Power back in goal for Newcastle. The central defender played most of the Canberra match between the posts after Dorman's injury and was everyone's "Man of the Match."

Power, fine all-round sportsman and handy cricketer, has the classic goalkeeper's build, but he is likely to dodge most invitations to wear the number one shirt.

Considering the run of bad luck associated with it, you can hardly blame him!

# SAINTS BACK AT THE TOP

**ST GEORGE** moved back on to the top of the National Youth League with a thrilling 3-3 draw with the Newcastle Rosebuds at Blacksmiths.

Melita Eagles moved into second spot with a fine 2-0 victory in a rugged encounter with Leichhardt.

**BY PETER RUSSELL**

At the Blacksmiths ground at Belmont, the Newcastle Rosebuds and St George played an exciting 3-3 draw.

After a fairly even first half in which the Rosebuds led through a Glen Cameron goal, the Saints really applied the pressure midway through the second half.

They struck the wood-work twice before four goals were scored in eight minutes, by Scott Watson (66th and 69th minutes) and Chris Polias (73rd), for Saints and Ross Turnbull (72nd) for Rosebuds. Bill Tonkin popped up in the 88th minute to rescue the Rosebuds.

A very youthful Sydney Sliders side, fielding one 15-year-old, five 16-year-olds, and two 17-year-olds, completely dominated their more experienced and physically stronger Wollongong opponents, playing intelligent and controlled Soccer.

The Sliders led 3-0 at half-time with goals from 16-year-old Stephen Lundy (two) and skipper Graeme Patterson.

Then in the second half 16-year-old striker Abbas Saad scored an excellent hat-trick, including two great headers, despite giving away inches to the Wolves defenders.

Five goals, a player sent off and a goalkeeper taken to hospital after

an incident off the ball was the story as Canberra outclassed Olympic at Pratten Park to win 3-2.

The Arrows were leading 1-0 through Vic Fernandez Jr when Olympic keeper Peter Wilson was injured in an incident off the ball, resulting in Wilson being replaced in the 28th minute and taken to hospital.

Olympic levelled through George Haniotis, but Claudio Giofretelli and Jason Dunne gave Arrows a 3-1 lead.

Two minutes before half-time, Arrows' Braden Shields was sent off for a late tackle on Steve Politis, who pulled one back for Olympic in the 57th minute.

In a rugged encounter at Melita Stadium, the

Eagles contained the hard-running, hard-tackling Leichhardt machine and scored two early goals through Birol Sertbas and Peter Whiteside.

In an entertaining match at the Gabbie Stadium between Blacktown Demons and Marconi, the Leopards managed to grab a late winner through Geoff Gunning in the 80th minute after both sides had tested the respective keepers extensively throughout the game.

In the other western Sydney encounter at King Tomislav Park, Penrith Panthers stopped Croatia's Youth League recovery with a narrow victory through goals from David Shute and David Carbone in the first half.

Joe Samardzic was the lone scorer for Croatia.

**Saturday July 14:**  
Newcastle vs Olympic

12.45 pm TBA

**Sunday July 15:**  
Marconi vs St George 12.45 pm Marconi Stadium  
Melita vs Blacktown 12.45 pm Melita Stadium  
Penrith vs Sydney City 12.30 pm Cook Park  
Olympic vs Croatia 12.45 pm Pratten Park  
Wollongong vs AIS 12.45 pm Wollongong Shgrd  
Leichhardt vs Canberra 12.45 pm Henson Park

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<b>ST GEORGE</b>	14	8	2	4	36	29	18
<b>MELITA EAGLES</b>	13	6	2	3	22	17	18
<b>LEICHHARDT</b>	14	8	2	4	21	16	18
<b>NEWCASTLE</b>	12	6	4	2	17	12	16
<b>CANBERRA</b>	13	7	1	5	28	22	15
<b>AIS</b>	10	6	2	2	24	10	14
<b>BLACKTOWN</b>	14	6	2	6	15	21	14
<b>OLYMPIC</b>	13	6	0	7	32	25	12
<b>SYDNEY CITY</b>	12	5	1	6	27	20	11
<b>PENRITH</b>	13	4	2	7	24	32	10
<b>MARCONI</b>	13	3	4	6	15	23	10
<b>CROATIA</b>	14	3	1	10	17	32	7
<b>WOLLONGONG</b>	13	2	1	10	17	36	5

NEVILLE POWER (on ground) in action. Power might be called upon to keep goal if Newcastle's "jinx" continues.

## Treat yourself to an injury free season.

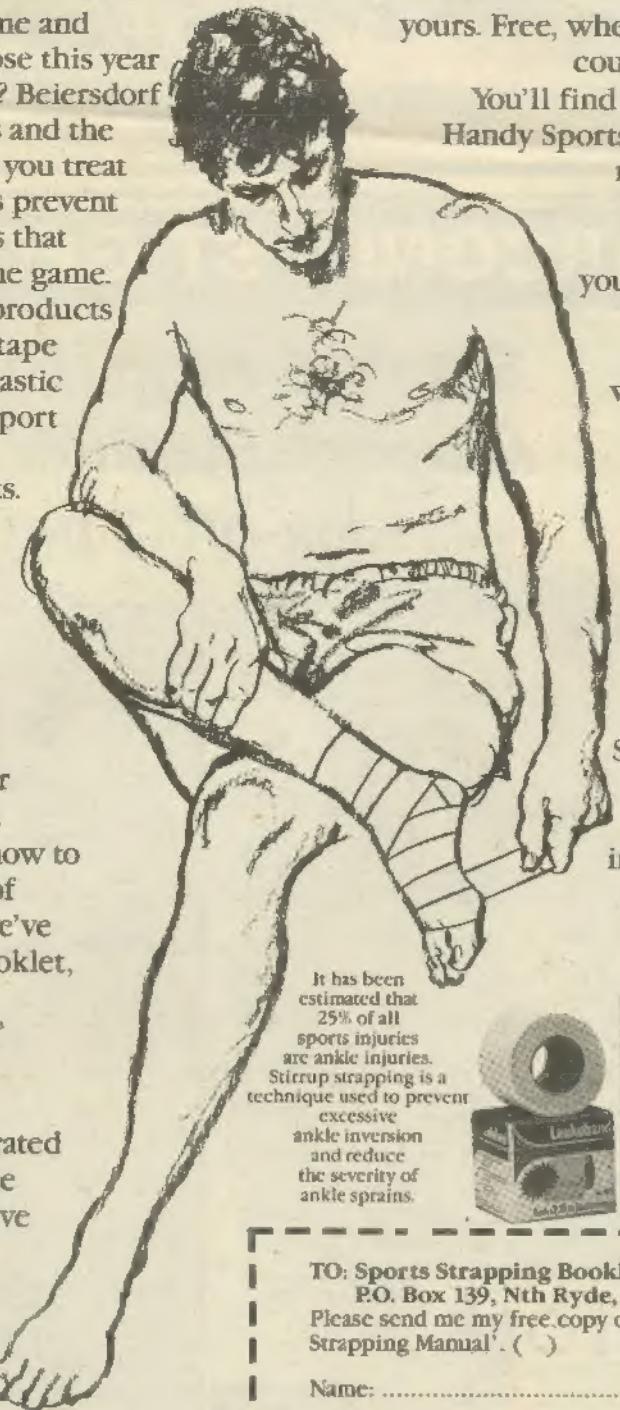
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# \$30,000 MEN SIT IT OUT

BY BRAD EARL

**SYDNEY CROATIA**, struggling near the bottom of the NSL, are playing without two men worth \$30,000.

Marijan Kovacic and Nelio Borges watched last Sunday's 0-0 draw with Penrith City from the sidelines.

Melbourne Croatia were willing to pay \$20,000 for Kovacic prior to the start of the season, but the 26-year-old, who has been with Sydney Croatia since he was a teenager, came to terms and stayed with the club.

Brazilian Borges, also 26, was signed by Croatia from Sydney City for \$10,000 three months ago.

Although both are generally regarded as midfielders, Kovacic has played as a centre-back and Borges as a striker in some matches this season.

Borges' last first team game was against Brisbane City in the NSL Cup a month ago, while Kovacic played in the last two League games, but was replaced in both.

New Croatia coach Harry Noon, who was appointed less than a week after resigning from his post at Bris-

bane Lions, left the two skilful players out of his 13-man squad for the Penrith game.

Into the team came midfielder Steve Meades and striker Zeljko Jurin, a recent arrival from Yugoslavia.

Noon said at this stage



NELIO BORGES

he is attempting to find the right "balance" in the team, and every player will be given his chance.

"There is a lot of work to be done," he said after Sunday's game, "but there is a lot of talent and spirit in this squad."

"I've got 20 players to pick from, so there's a lot of depth," Noon concluded.

Captain Bruno Vidaic expects to return from injury in a fortnight. Vidaic was caretaker coach for the last two NSL matches.



MARIJAN KOVACIC

## US SOCCER FACES A HARD TIME

BY TOM MCKAIN

**MORE** bad news is filtering through about the state of USA Soccer, on which much of the Australian game is based.

Apart from the fact that there are only nine clubs left out of the original 21, crowds are falling off at an alarming rate.

According to former Glasgow Celtic player Andy Lynch, who recently returned from Montreal, there is pessimism about the future.

A UK newspaper reports him as saying: "While New York Cosmos can get crowds of 30,000 the others are playing in front of precious few."

"But football is being played in more and more of the colleges, so owners of clubs are banking on the next generation to keep the game alive."

Among the vanishing clubs was Montreal Manic, which went under following a \$13,500,000 loss in two years.

The American club owners and the Players' Association have come up with a Save Our Soccer scheme.

Every team must cut its wage bill by 10 per cent a year for the next three years, until it is down to a maximum \$85,000 which will reduce players' wage packets to approximately \$40,000.

The huge sums picked up by imported stars will disappear — and so will those stars.

This season every club must field at least five American or Canadian-born players.

Next season it will be six, and so on until it is 11.

Local players will benefit through the Player's Association, run by Scot John Kerr, which has been fighting the owners for a better deal for locals.

Youngsters in their first year will earn \$25,000 then \$26,000 in their second season and \$30,000 in their

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F. The Air New Zealand Golden Oldies Soccer Festival in Los Angeles next year.

G. The World Cup Finals in Mexico 1986.

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# PLAN OR PERISH

BY TOM ANDERSON

"EITHER we live by accident and die by accident — or we live by plan and die by plan . . ."

That was the theme of a document presented by the former ASF Marketing company at the request of the NSL three years ago.

At the start of this season at a press conference in a plush Sydney hotel, a leading NSL official stood up and declared that 1984 was "life or death" or "make or break" for the NSL.

On both occasions the word "death" was very conspicuous in the statements!

However, it also must be pointed out that at the same press conference at the start of the season, ASF president Sir Arthur George

declared that he did not agree with the NSL official's assessment and that if the competition failed this year, other avenues or formats must be found to accommodate our top clubs.

Well surely the time has come to find a new solution. For the NSL in its present format in my opinion is in its death throes.

The present competition is just not viable and this must surely be recognised by the participating clubs immediately. Otherwise there will be no clubs left, as they will be in the hands of the receivers!

No matter what is said by the leaders of the NSL, the majority of NSL clubs are in dire financial straits with no end to the problem in sight.

To keep shovelling thousands of dollars into a lost cause is simply ridiculous.

#### Unanimous

It also must be remembered that the clubs, on advice of their leaders, voted unanimously at the start of the season for the present format.

A prime example of the drastic situation is the plight of Sydney's top drawing club — Sydney Olympic.

It is alleged that

## CLUBS MUST ACT NOW TO SAVE SOCCER

Olympic are over \$500,000 in the red at the bank with no more overdraft being allowed.

It is also alleged that Olympic are up for \$92,000 a year in interest on their overdraft, and a special committee has been formed to attempt to save the club.

There are many others in the same boat.

Two weeks ago, an NSL administrator declared in a Sydney morning paper that the affiliation fees owed to the NSL by some clubs had not been paid and because of this their share in the NSL Cup gate money was being withheld.

#### Warning

This indeed is a drastic admission to make and if it isn't a clear warning sign of deep financial trouble ahead, then nothing is.

I have heard that the NSL Management Committee have been given five weeks by the clubs to come up with a new format for next season.

If this is so, it's a step in the right direction. To leave the situation hanging until the end of the season as has happened in past years would be ludicrous.

Before any success can be achieved in foot-

ball, things must be right at the top — and that means the leadership.

All leadership positions in a football league set-up — the post of chairman, deputy chairman and the complete management committee — must be filled by people with direct club affiliations.

If this is not so, success will never be achieved.

If I was the member of a Soccer social club that was propping up an NSL team to the tune of around a quarter-million dollars a year, I would want people who were spending the money to call the shots.

The time has now come to realise that the quicker the Melbourne and New South Wales clubs are left to run their own affairs the better.

The Soccer scenes in both cities are entirely different and to attempt to run a combined club scene is impossible to achieve.

Also Sydney fans are just not interested in watching Victorian teams, or any other interstate club teams, on a regular basis.

In such a situation it is plain folly to con-

tinue flying teams around the eastern seaboard of Australia to play in front of a few hundred spectators.

The answer for the Sydney clubs is to go into a "NSW Super League".

And for this to happen talks with the NSW Soccer Federation and its president John Constantine must start immediately. To attempt this without the co-operation or blessing of the NSW Federation would just be asking for more trouble — and surely we've had enough of that.

Probably one of the main reasons why fans have become disillusioned with the NSL recently is the League's poor image.

The dreadful attempt by the NSL to pull its players out of the World Soccer Series at the last minute was an act of futility and indeed the worst public relations exercise of all time in Australian Soccer.

#### Pawns

It is just not acceptable to use young Australian athletes as pawns in a political problem.

The stigma of an attempt to sabotage an

Australian team is a stigma that will stick with the present NSL administrators as long as they remain in office.

The NSL problem with the ASF was of course over sponsorship money of around \$250,000 — sponsorship money that in fact was obtained by the NSL but later refused.

In my opinion, the clubs should demand to be informed of all the facts in this sponsorship money muddle.

People often tell me they feel sorry for the NSL clubs in their present plight.

I don't, for it's the clubs' own fault. If they are willing to go along with the present situation where personality clashes and politics are being allowed to over-ride the main issues then they deserve all that is coming their way.

It indeed is a sad scene and one that must be rectified quickly for the sake of the game in this country.

Surely it is better to live by plan and succeed by plan than to perish by sheer stupidity.

## THEY'RE STILL SQUABBLING!

BY TOM MCKAIN

IF there was one thing to come out of the travelling around I did with the two Socceroo squads it was that daggers are still drawn — with the ASF Marketing, the NSL and State Federation officials out for blood.

It started when the NSL tried to pull their players out of the series on the eve of the kick off.

Several State League officials and clubs, plus States with no Socceroos, were also against the series.

There were mixed reactions in the capital cities we visited.

Some local officials appeared to be praying for failure of the venture — and the NSL.

The latter eventually did not know which way to turn — seeing the success of the Socceroos as perhaps a boost for the NSL gates at the end of the series; but then they thought of another tour next year disrupting their competition again.

The marketing men charged on regardless, and

as far as we can gather, emerged with a profit.

And while the NSL may have justifiable gripes about compensation for the NSL Cup shambles, and State League men about the damage the NSL has done to local leagues, how many could have organised and signed the teams for the WSS?

Certainly it could have been done better, and organiser Peter Sheean was the first to admit this when he summed up the exercise.

It has been admitted Manchester United were a disappointment at half strength, and that they and Juventus didn't try to make a game of it when they met.

Marketing also finally agreed that perhaps they had over-priced the tickets for the family man.

Sheean has also promised cash prizes for

next year, and moves to avoid disrupting the NSL.

Problems can be ironed out next time around, but what disturbs me is the continual political bickering among officials from all sections of the game.

In Soccer there still seems to be a death wish and a self-destruct button too many people are eager to press.

With the World Cup qualifying games coming up, plus an overseas tour, then the World Cup in 1986, the last thing the Socceroos and coach Frank Arok needed is officials more interested in their own backyard than the world game.

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## MITCHELL LOSES INJURY BATTLE

BY TOM MCKAIN

**SOCEROO** and Glasgow Rangers striker David Mitchell has lost his battle with a groin injury, and is in hospital recovering from an operation.

He hopes he will be fit enough to rejoin his Scottish club at the end of this month.

"It looked as if the rest would be the cure, but a specialist told me to have an operation as soon as possible so I took his advice," said Mitchell, who is recuperating in Adelaide, his home town.

Mitchell played one guest match for Adelaide City, his original National League club, and he had hoped to play for them after the World Soccer Series.

However, although he had struggled through the WSS with the help of daily treatment and pain killing tablets, he was advised to rest the injury.



Socceroo David Mitchell pressures Glasgow Rangers defender Hugh Burns

# ROUND UP



## JURIN LOOKS THE GOODS

BY BRAD EARL

**ZELJKO JURIN**, Sydney Croatia's latest import from Yugoslavia, showed in his club's 0-0 draw with Penrith City that he will be a dangerous player in the latter half of the NSL season.

Jurin, 23, played a roving role in the forward line for Croatia, and was twice denied a debut goal by Panthers young goalkeeper Mike Gibson.

The first attempt was a hard shot in the 22nd minute which Gibson held down low, and then two minutes later Jurin broke away from the defence, but his shot was charged down by Gibson.

Croatia's other goal



MIKE GIBSON

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
STH MELB	15	8	2	5	22	13	18	4	2	2	12	6	10	4	0	3	10	7	8
H'BERG	15	7	4	4	25	17	18	5	1	2	18	11	11	2	3	2	7	6	7
MEL CROATIA	15	7	4	4	23	20	18	5	2	1	12	5	12	2	2	3	11	15	6
BRUNSWICK	15	7	2	6	20	27	16	4	1	2	10	9	9	3	1	4	10	18	7
BRIS CITY	15	6	3	6	13	17	15	1	3	3	3	8	5	5	0	3	12	11	10
PRESTON	15	5	4	6	21	22	14	2	3	2	12	9	7	3	1	4	9	13	7
BRIS LIONS	15	5	4	6	20	22	14	3	3	3	14	15	9	2	1	3	6	7	5
FOOTSCRAY	15	5	3	6	16	16	13	2	1	4	7	8	5	3	2	3	9	8	8
WEST AD.	15	5	3	7	24	25	13	4	1	3	10	9	9	1	2	4	5	16	4
AD. CITY	15	5	2	8	14	16	12	3	2	4	10	9	8	2	0	4	4	7	4
GR. GULLY	15	3	4	8	14	22	10	2	2	3	10	11	6	1	2	5	4	11	4
SUNSHINE	15	3	3	9	12	32	9	1	2	4	4	7	4	2	1	5	8	25	5

### AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD CITY	15	11	3	1	43	9	25	5	1	0	23	3	11	6	2	1	20	6	14
LEICHARDT	15	8	4	3	25	16	20	5	0	2	11	6	10	3	4	1	14	10	10
OLYMPIC	15	6	7	2	28	16	19	2	3	2	12	11	7	4	4	0	16	5	12
MARCONI	15	7	3	5	33	21	17	6	0	2	19	8	12	1	3	3	14	13	5
PARRA MELITA	15	6	5	4	15	15	17	2	3	3	8	10	7	4	2	1	7	5	10
BLACKTOWN	15	6	4	5	21	25	16	4	3	1	14	9	11	2	1	4	7	16	5
CANBERRA	15	7	1	7	30	21	15	4	0	3	15	8	8	3	1	4	15	13	7
ST GEORGE	15	5	5	5	21	19	15	3	4	2	15	12	10	2	1	3	6	7	5
PENRITH	15	5	5	5	20	23	15	4	1	2	13	15	9	1	4	3	7	8	6
SYD. CROATIA	15	4	5	6	16	24	13	0	2	4	3	12	2	4	3	2	13	12	11
NEWCASTLE	15	5	1	9	17	31	11	4	1	2	10	10	9	1	0	7	7	21	2
W'GONG	15	2	3	10	10	34	7	2	1	5	6	14	5	0	2	5	4	20	2

## DOWN AND OUT IN 35 SECONDS!

BY TOM ANDERSON

**INCREDIBLE** as it seems, the game between Sydney City and Wollongong Wolves was all over bar the shouting after only 35 seconds play!

For when Murray Barnes headed home a Joe Watson cross in the 35th second it was goodbye Wollongong.

And if there was any doubt, Graeme Fletcher and Gerardo Gomez added more in the seventh and ninth minutes to put the issue beyond any doubt.

Slickers' other goals were scored by David Green (own goal) in the 62nd minute and Joe Watson in the 87th minute.

This was little more than a training run for the Slickers against a Wollongong team depleted by injury and suspension.

Although they tried hard, Adrian Alston's boys were outclassed in

every facet of the game.

However there must have been a touch of sadness in the Slickers win as only 735 people turned out to watch the game.

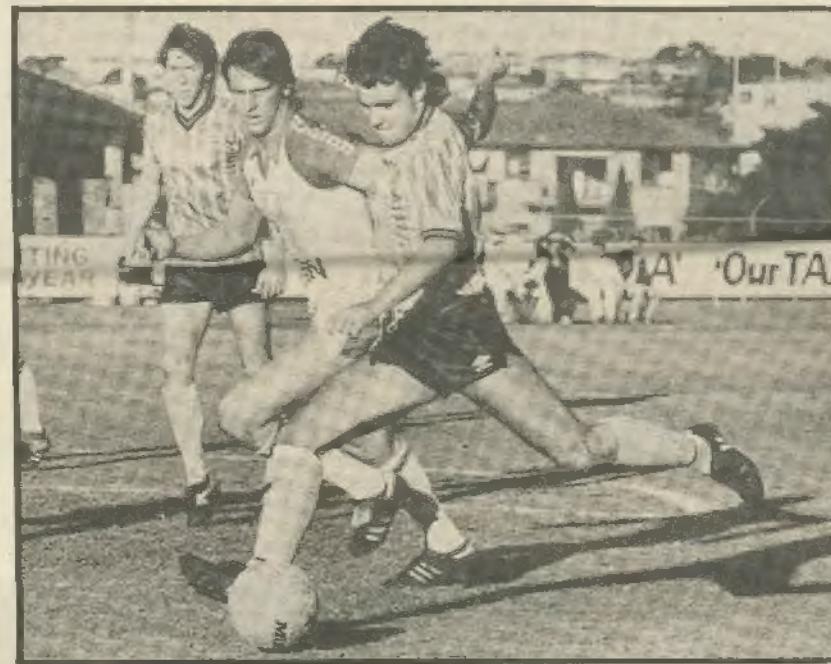
Here is a team sitting on top of the competition with a five-point lead, stacked with Australian internationals and playing entertaining football who cannot draw a four-figure crowd when they're playing at home.

Indeed it must be one of the saddest situations in Australian sport.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano; Rodrigues, Robertson, Gomez, De Marigny; Cant (K.Falconer 74), Watson, Barnes; Lee,



GERARDO GOMEZ



John-Paul De Marigny caught in perfect action as he clears the ball in the Sydney City v Wollongong match. Also in picture, Scott Dickson and Grant Lee.

### BLACKTOWN CITY BOUNCE BACK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

**"SURE,** Marconi are a good side but we bounced back in the second half and almost won the game," said Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin after watching his team draw with Marconi 2-2 at the Gabble Stadium.

Blacktown City, after absorbing immense pressure from a dangerous Marconi attack in the first half, dominated proceedings for most of the second half.

Blacktown midfielder Michael Quaraby cemented his position in the first team, involving himself in both goals.

He almost grabbed a winner in the 78th minute with a crashing 18 metre shot but was denied by a brilliant save from Marconi goalie Bruce James.

Marconi raced to an early lead in the third minute when Tom McCulloch scored from the penalty spot after team-mate Mark Jankovics had been fouled.

Led by Youth Socceroos David Lowe and Rod Brown and attacking midfielder Mark Jankovics, Marconi created havoc in front of the Blacktown goal.

Attempts by Lowe (36th) and Jankovics (43rd) beat Blacktown goalie Barry Hoare but not the woodwork.

Blacktown levelled the score seconds before half-time through Gary Byme following good lead-up work from Quaraby, Stuart Selvage and Adam Sandy.

Marconi moved back into the lead in the 64th minute with a dazzling 15 metre shot from Brown which gave Hoare no chance.

Disappointment struck Marconi five minutes later. Jankovics lost possession 10 metres outside his penalty area and Quaraby stabbed the ball through for Clive Eaton to score.

**BLACKTOWN CITY:** Hoare, Wheatley, Skelton, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selvage, Quaraby, Byme, Sandy (Mountford 69), Eaton, O'Connor.

**MARCONI:** James, Carter, Spanos, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderon (Mariani 82), Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Sharne.

**REFEREE:** G. Power.  
**CROWD:** 870.

### TOP SCORERS

15 — Koamina (SC)
10 — Brown (SM)
9 — Lowe (M)
Bradley (L)
Katholos (SO)
8 — Farina (CA)
Patterson (H)
Konstandopoulos (WA)
7 — Sweeney (BJ)
McCulloch (M)
Brown (M)
Brandt (NR)
Marton (SG)
Fletcher (SC)
Arnold (SCR)





# ROUND UP

## MELITA UNLUCKY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

**LEICHHARDT APIA**, despite having very little possession, especially in the first half, defeated a much depleted Parramatta Melita Eagles 2-1 at Melita Stadium.

But Melita had a glorious opportunity to draw right on full-time with a penalty.

Melita's replacement, Paul Andriopoulos, broke away in the last seconds of the match and looked most threatening in Apia's box. He was spilled over by Jimmy Ziras, making his comeback from injury, replacing Arno Bertogna out with a virus.

Referee Doug Rennie awarded a generous penalty, but Apia's goalkeeper Bobby Parks read McAusland's lifting penalty shot well, and stretched across to block and lock up the two League points for Apia.

Melita took the field without six regular players — McPherson, Duarte, Davies, Johnstone, Farrugia and Allen — all missing with injuries.

Melita had a glut of possession in the first half, yet Apia nailed two goals from four breakaways.

Little dynamo John Bradley hit the target in the 17th minute after meeting a nice cross from Ian Gray. And one minute from half-time, Vic Bozanic scored from a 25 metre free-kick which picked up a deflection on the way through Melita's "wall."



COL McAUSLAND

## IT'S SOUTH AGAIN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

**SOUTH** Melbourne extended their unbeaten record to three weeks and bounced back to the top of the National Conference table, with a lucky win over Green Gully, 2-1, at Middle Park.

But with joint leaders Heidelberg United and Melbourne Croatia breathing down their necks, South Melbourne will have to improve on Sunday's performance to keep their championship hopes alive.

The return to Green Gully of former manager Bobby McLachlan rekindled the enthusiasm and the fighting spirit Gully had lost in the opening rounds of the championship.

McLachlan replaced former Socceroo Jimmy Rooney who was appointed to lead Green Gully in their first year in the National League.

Playing with the wind at their backs in the opening half, Green Gully applied tremendous pressure on their opponents who appeared a bit shaky in defence due to the absence of their sweeper John Yzendoorn.

Yzendoorn was unavailable due to a death in the family.

Against the run of play, South Melbourne went into the lead after 21 minutes when Charlie Egan dispossessed Stuart Cannell and fed Ken Murphy with a square

pass. In turn Murphy put Doug Brown through and the deadly striker slotted the ball into the net.

Gully striker Paul Lewis was unlucky not to level the score in the 30 minute when he hammered the ball against the post from a free kick.

Alan Davidson dented Gully's hopes for recovery with a blistering shot from 30 metres out, planting the ball in the right bottom corner of Lou Denys's goal.

Davidson allowed Gully back into the game when he tried to pass the ball back to his goalkeeper, but instead he fed McGuinness with a perfect pass and the experienced forward had no difficulties in beating Peter Laumets from the area line.

Gully dominated the game in the second half but lack of killer instinct prevented them from levelling the score.

Souths only scoring opportunity in the second half came in the 63rd minute when Doug Brown took a free kick but Denys sprung in the air to deflect the ball for corner.

As it was, he booked seven players — four

**WEST ADELAIDE** scrambled to a 2-2 draw against Brunswick Juventus thanks to a dubious-looking penalty at Hindmarsh Stadium.

BY TOM MCKAIN

I say dubious and although striker Nick Malavazos was brought down in the box by Paul Drinoczyk and Graham Honeyman netted from the spot in the 78th minute, referee Jim Rossis let more fierce tackles go unpunished.

As it was, he booked seven players — four

## TERRY GREEDY TAKEN OFF

SAYS GREG RUSSELL

**ST GEORGE** lost Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy with a hip injury as the 1983 NSL champions crashed to a 2-3 loss against last year's wooden-spooners Brisbane Lions at Richlands.

Greedy limped from the field immediately after Lions had scored their second goal in the 25th minute, injuring his hip as he fell heavily in a huddle of players.

The Socceroo was able to sit on the bench until half-time, but constantly kept an ice-pack on the injury, which is believed to be a severely bruised muscle.

Young striker Andrew Kocza was given the keeper's gloves, and although rarely tested, he managed to keep a clean sheet until midway through the second half when Lions scored their third to stem a comeback from the Sydney side.

The loss of Greedy forced a reshuffle in the St George team, playing under assistant coach Frank Lang, and much of the attacking responsibility fell on Australia "B" striker Robbie Slater.

The red-headed winger answered the call and was by far St George's most impressive player. He scored both his team's goals and inspired a comeback that forced Lions to stack their defence to hold on to the lead.

Lions, still bubbling with enthusiasm following the appointment of new coach Gordon Arrowsmith, started tentatively but soon began to take control and it came as no surprise when Calvin Daunt scored in the 21st minute. The big striker delightfully glanced an Alan Niven cross to the bottom far corner.

Four minutes later, Lions sweeper Roddy Vasquez scored his second goal in as many weeks when he put away a Russell Stewart corner that had been flicked on by Joe Cairney, ironically one of the set moves former coach Harry Noon had drilled into the team.

Lions carried the lead to the break and had numerous opportunities to seal the match early in the second half, but St George came back into calculations when they narrowed the margin in the 60th minute.

Mark Barton made a brilliant run, beating three defenders before pushing wide for Slater to simply knock into an open net.

A mix-up between Socceroo defender Dave Ratcliffe and Kocza in the 65th minute put Lions back in the box-seat.

After seeing a Cairney shot hit the upright, the St George pair hesitated with the rebound and Jim McDonagh raced in to score.

Slater broke from nearly halfway to slip his shot under Lions keeper Rob Farrow to again give St George a chance of a point.

But despite several anxious moments late in the game, Lions held on to score their third consecutive home victory and finally move away from the bottom of the table.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Junns, McDonagh, Daunt, Cairney (McSkimming 81).

**ST GEORGE:** Greedy (Petkovski 25), Skeen, Barton, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Ricoy, Slater, Stone, J.O'Shea, Kocza, Batten.

**REFEREE:** G. Nicholson.

**CROWD:** 1,000.

## NO PATT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

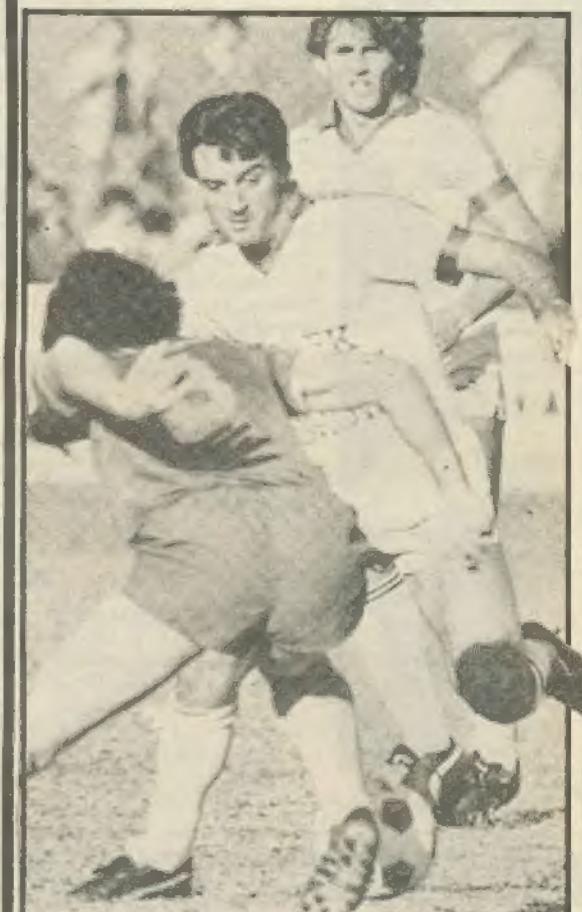
**BOTH** Sydney Olympic and Canberra Arrows tried hard enough in their 1-1 draw at Pratten Park but neither side managed to really get into its stride.

In the absence of suspended Peter Raskopoulos, the 15th minute scorer in a good move, broke into the open in response to a quick Patikas pass.

Then he gave up, thinking he was offside. The linesman did not agree and yet another chance had misfired.

Canberra experienced the same problems, but to a lesser degree. Frank Farina however broke away to take a shot that seemed destined to go in the bottom left hand corner but somehow Gary Meier unwound to get a hand to the ball.

Nick Later on Ian Gibson and



Sydney Olympic defender Martyn Rogers in action against Canberra Arrows

## PENALTY SAVES WEST



NICK MALAVAZOS

from Juventus and three West men — and even the West players looked surprised when he pointed to the spot for the penalty.

West came from behind twice to snatch a point.

Juventus left-back Kevin Swinscoe overlapped and met a cross from Robert Cullen on the right to open the scoring in the eighth minute with a volley from 30 metres.

West striker George Konstandopoulos made it 1-1 in the 17th minute when he got into the box and accepted a pass from midfielder John Panagis to give Sean Keogh in the Juventus goal no chance.

But the Victorians, minus Socceroo midfielder Richard Miranda and powerhouse striker Joe Sweeney, kept charging and were rewarded when Gary Ward collected a

not think West should have got their penalty.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Sproul, McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman, Hiern, Manou, Panagis (Mousoulis 75), Malavazos, Konstantopoulos, Papadopoulos, Stamatopoulos (Brown 55).

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS:** Keogh, Geremia, Dowie, Rogers, Swinscoe, Campbell, Cullen, Lloyd, Ward, Zinni, Drsnockzy.

**REFEREE:** J. Rossis.

**CROWD:** 2,123.

## RN AT PRATTEN

Andy Brockbank found Meier too good.

Tom Sermanni sidefooted the equaliser for Canberra in the 55th minute after Gibson had set up the groundwork.

Tony Dakos looked the part when he came on in the 70th minute and he will be a big asset if his foot injury has improved.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jen-

nings, Lambopoulos, Coady, Phillips, Theodorakopoulos, Patikas, Kalantzis, Katholos (Dakos 70), Kousas (Patalis 65).

CANBERRA: Franken, Mihailidis (Bryant 46), Jones, Hogg, Harkins, Redmond, Gibson, Farina (Reis 82), Phillips, Sermanni, Brockbank.

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 2,980.



High kicking at Pratten Park as Canberra's Tom Sermanni and Olympic's Jim Patikas try a balancing act with the ball

## PRESTON ON A SLIPPERY DIP

BY HARRY HALL

**PRESTON** sunk deeper into trouble following their 2-1 defeat at home to **Brisbane City**.

It also increased the pressure on coach Peter Ollerton who once again was attacked by spectators as he left the park after 63 minutes.

Ollerton decided to reinstate himself in the team following some mediocre performances in the side which caused them to slip down the table and out of the top four.

Robbie Dunn opened the score for Preston after 10 minutes and they looked set for a comfortable win. They kept on creating scoring opportunities throughout the opening half.

Brisbane City staged a second revival to win.

City levelled the score after 52 minutes through Swan whose shot found the net after Glockner headed it down for him.

Three minutes later, O'May scored City's winning goal from a Hamilton corner.

City could have scored more goals had it not been for some brilliant saves by Preston keeper Steve Potter.

After Sunday's defeat Preston coach Ollerton must be feeling very insecure although his committee have expressed their support.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinas, Dobson, Dunn, Petrovski, Iloski, Ollerton (Balleski 63), Odzajov, Lucchessi, Cole, Campbell (Kotevski 63).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Mengotti, Milovanovic, Liddell, Bromfield, O'May, Hughes (Falco 83), Pimblett, Glockner (Walsch 76), Hamilton, Swan.

REFEREE: S. ATTENDANCE: Zoumas. 2,000.

## SUNNY DAY FOR CROSS

BY ROGER VERNON

**SUNSHINE** George Cross continued their revival with a 1-1 draw against favourites Heidelberg United at Chaplin Reserve.

Cross overcame the shock of an early goal and dominated a lethargic Heidelberg United, reinforced by the return of Steve Winn and Scott Patterson.

The absence of international centre half Charlie Yankos affected the performance of the Heidelberg team because Yankos had always anticipated in the attacking moves.

Paul Tzitzis put Heidelberg in the lead after nine minutes shooting into the net a pass by Patterson.

Their enthusiasm, however, faded after 25 minutes when Ossie Latis netted the equaliser to give his team the strength it needed to battle against a superior opponent.

George took the game to their opponents after the equaliser and can consider themselves unlucky not to have snatched the two points. They applied tremendous pressure on their opponents and kept tearing gaps in their defence, but that lack of sting in attack kept them silent until the end of the game.

Heidelberg United lost their key midfielder Theo Selemidis in the 63rd minute through injury. Selemidis dislocated a shoulder and may be out for this week's game.

George Cross have sent a warning with their recent performances to all league clubs not to underestimate them in the remainder of the championship. The newcomers in the national league have overcome their early problems and seem certain to lift themselves off the bottom place.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Taylor, Bennett, Jovanovic, Toll, Bain, McGorian, D. McLaren, Faulkner, R. McLaren, Latif.

HEIDELBERG UNITED:

Valentine, Patterson, Tzitzis, Winn.

REFEREE: Jim Fokianos.

ATTENDANCE: 4,500.



THEO SELEMIDIS: dislocated shoulder

## HAIL NEW MESSIAH

BY DAVID BECK

**TWO** spectacular goals in the final quarter gave Melbourne Croatia their third win since the appointment of new manager-coach Tony Vrzina.

The win was recorded over Adelaide City who came to Melbourne determined to grab a point.

Croatia denied them the opportunity with two spectacular goals coming from target men Andrew Gojevic and Tommy Cumming.

Despite their dominance, Croatia found it difficult to penetrate Adelaide's defence until the 77th minute when Gojevic made the first crack with a goal that gave City's keeper no chance to react.

Three minutes later Cumming scored the second goal, which bore the brilliance of the talented striker. Cumming unleashed a powerful shot from outside the area which beat the goalkeeper hands down.

The win placed Melbourne Croatia level on points with South Melbourne and Heidelberg United.

Manager Frank Burin believes Croatia can give the championship a real shake.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby, Deankovic (P. Lewis 69), Parton, Curcio, Hannah, Biskic, Antolovic, Cumming, Gojevic, Markovac (Campbell 80), Brogan.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecery, Nyskohus, Flounders, Shillibeer, Malta, Villani, Scarba, Maxwell, Mullen, Talerico.

REFEREE: S. Mellint. ATTENDANCE: 4,000.



PETER OLLERTON (left): returned to Preston line-up



# ROYAL HAWAIIAN WORLD WOMEN'S SOCCER CROWN

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Dennis Minge, executive director of Royal Hawaiian World Sports, presents championship trophy to Cozars Soccer Club at Kapiolani Park



Outstanding tournament goalkeeper Laura Skaza of Royal Hawaiian Women's Soccer Club of Honolulu in action against Sarsi San Jose.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

**It is QUITE an experience. Once the tournament is over, and the players board planes for their homelands, they will take back with them unforgettable memories of participation in this wonderful competition...as well as a sun tan!**

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The slide exhibition is synchronised to emotional soundtracks such as Chariots Of Fire and FlashDance.

Players say their goodbyes, head back to their hotels and prepare for their flights out of this paradise called Hawaii.

Don't miss the next tournament. Contact Dennis Minga at the address shown on the coupon on this page. Give your team the most unforgettable experience they will ever have in Soccer.

The Royal Hawaiian World Womens' Soccer Crown...BE THERE!



Traci Cooke (far left) of the Seattle Storm Soccer Club shows off her winning beer chugging form after 3 rounds of the chug-a-lug contest at the 1984 Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Crown Tournament LUAU (Feast) at PARADISE COVE.



Women players from the Sarsi Soccer Club of San Jose and the Royal Hawaiian Women's Soccer team battle for possession.



Women's Division action in the 1984 Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Crown Tournament between Leahi Soccer Club of Honolulu (dark) and FC Seattle Soccer Club from Washington.



Women's Division MVP Maryann Itchener and daughter Maria at the 1984 Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Crown Tournament Banquet.

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# INDOOR SUPER LEAGUE SET FOR BIG SEASON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APPLICATIONS are now being taken for the registration of teams in the \$2,000 Indoor Soccer Super League, Australia's most competitive and progressive organisation.

The Australian Mini Soccer organisation is administered by former Australian World Cup player Ray Richards and John Turner, St George's youth team coach.



**RAY RICHARDS**

This is the fourth year Australian Mini Soccer has been in operation, and they have over 140 teams playing Indoor Soccer, embracing ages from Under 7 to All Age.

This year, the Super League is being sponsored

by Coca Cola Bottlers, to the tune of \$2,000 prizemoney.

The Australian Mini Soccer competition is of the highest standard in Australia and has many NSL players in its ranks.

Some top players in this League are Baz Giampaolo, Alex Jamieson, John Davies, Ernie Campbell, Tony Morello, John Svynos, Ken Wilson, Robert De Ceghe, Peter Hensman and Tony Pezzano.

Svynos, according to Richards, is the best and most spectacular indoor player in Australia.

Richards said: "Young Svynos, better known as the 'Greek Freak', has unbelievable ball skills, with a deadly left foot. He is an exciting player to watch, and I rate him the best

in Australia."

The Indoor League will be played three nights

and two afternoons every week at the Auburn Netball Centre.

## AIS GO DOWN TO REAL MADRID

THE Australian Institute of Sport reached the final of their U19 tournament in Germany but lost 1-3 to the youth team of famed Real Madrid.

Played in Dortmund, the opposing teams were bristling with youth international players drawn from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Spain.

BY KELVIN GILMOUR

Overall the AIS did an outstanding job and coach Jim Shoulder had every reason to be pleased.

Real Madrid one of two Spanish clubs in the series, as expected used some players of outstanding quality.

In the final, they led 2-1 to the last minute, when they cracked in another goal.

Two tournaments were entered in Holland, but these were for U21 players and the AIS average age is 17.

Even so, no game was lost by more than one goal.

All the Australian players were drawn from the AIS, with the sole exception of Richard Bassingthwaite.

## HINTS FOR NEXT 'WSS'

I WOULD like to thank sponsors of the World Soccer Series which took place in Australia recently.

I have also a few hints:

Brisbane's Lang Park is not a suitable ground for Soccer. In the main grandstand you needed sunglasses and a sombrero hat to get away from the glare of the lights.

The media did not give Soccer any publicity during the series. Some of the games Australia played we didn't even read about in the papers. If it was Rugby League it would be on the front page.

We must stop all the internal squabbling getting into the media, otherwise we are going to be a laughing stock.

We must bring Soccer back to No 1 where it should be. How can you honestly call Rugby 'football'?

There is only one football Soccer.

I want to congratulate all the Newcas-

## READERS FORUM

In this spot every week we shall publish extracts from your letters. If you have any comments or suggestions for publication, please keep them brief and send them to me at the address below.

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# NSW STATE LEAGUE

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

## CHASERS HOLD SEASIDERS

IN the local north shore derby, Ku-ring-gai held championship contender Manly to a 1-1 draw at Cromer Park.

Manly have slipped two points behind competition leaders Rockdale but still have a deferred game to play against Warringah-Narrabeen this weekend.

Manly midfielder Tom Steven almost opened the scoring in the opening stages but his attempt hit the post and bounced clear of danger.

In the 30th minute Jones scored Manly's solitary goal following good lead-up by Jim McBreen.

Ku-ring-gai levelled terms in the 60th minute. A direct free-kick from Neale Williamson took a slight deflection off a Manly defender and sailed into goal.

On a sour note, Manly defender Ashley Williamson — brother of Neale — was replaced in the 80th minute after suffering a head injury which required two stitches.

MANLY: Cassetta, Pagano, Williamson

(Pages 80). Dick, Doyle, Jones (Etherington 42), Steven, Leak, McBreen, Lynch, Stuart.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bennett, Jesse, Bertram, Watson, Quigley (Harper 70), Bourke, Dene (Williamson 70), Tracey, Bass, Jeffrey.

CANTERBURY V YUGAL  
"SOMETHING is wrong with the attitude of my players," a disappointed John Xipolitas said after watching Canterbury-Marrickville lose to Yugal 4-0.

"We made elementary defensive mistakes which allowed Yugal to score."

"The team is strong, they know their Society, but they just aren't consistent."

Jesic opened the scoring for the visitors after Rodas had provided the lead-up. The second goal was scored by strong defender John Clarke following a goalmouth

BANKSTOWN V W'GAH  
DAVID Jack, signed by Warringah-Narrabeen from Manly recently, scored the equalising goal in the last minute to deny Bankstown-National their third win of the season.

Ironically, it was Jack who sunk Bankstown last season, scoring two goals for his old club Manly in a similar State League fixture.

Bankstown, rocked by the mid-week resignation of coach Tony Anastasi, broke the deadlock seconds after the interval. Defender Warren Kennedy played the ball to young midfielder Aytec Genc and his cross was put away by Roy Agostoni.

Minutes earlier, Bankstown's Apuan had an opportunity to score but was denied by the Warringah keeper.

It was strong defensive effort by Bankstown and goalkeeper David Lohman looked well in control. For Warringah, Jack along with Jimmy Rimmer and Billy Bulloch stood out.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kennedy, Agostino, Coates, Blackburn, Parker, Meerbanji, Genc, El Hussieni (Sirett 70), Hassan (Hammond 60), Apuan (Hammoud 60).

WARRINGAH: P Dean, Griffin, Collings, Garrett, Earl, Sarge, Rimmer, Jack, McLean, Bulloch, A. Dean.

INTER Monaro easily accounted for Polonia, 3-0, at Marco Polo Oval.

Monaro face Warringah-Narrabeen this Saturday at the Narrabeen Fitness Camp and look assured of securing two points.

Monaro's goals were scored by Walter Valeri and Baz Giampaolo, while the other was an own goal.

## AVALA V SUTHERLAND

NIGEL Groome emerged the hero in his team's 2-1 over a tenacious Avala at Knight Park.

Groome, a prominent Rothmans Medal candidate during the past couple of seasons, scored the winner with seconds remaining.

The Sharks controlled the game in the first half and opened the scoring in the 19th minute through Jim Webber.

It was during the second half that the home side lost momentum.

Avala defender Ricky Budini almost equalised in the 56th minute but he shot over the bar from 6m out. Seven minutes later Avala equalised through Rodriguez.

Budini had the perfect opportunity to push Avala into the lead in the 75th minute when a shot from team-mate Nicola Duvnjak struck the crossbar but his rebound attempt from close range was driven straight to the Sutherland keeper.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Nelson, Schuman, Dal Forno, Webber, Rogers, Terry (Connor 77), Groome, Gray, Hargraves.

AVALA: Thurlow, Lucchesi (D McKenzie 56), Da Silva, Budini, A. MacKenzie, Duvnjak, Williams, Kodor, Rodrigues, Harris, Milne (Biatkoul).

## ROCKDALE V AUBURN

ROCKDALE still lead the competition after withstanding a determined second half rally from Auburn to run out victors 1-0 at Hurstville Oval.

Both teams showed a willingness to push forward and the game was never short of goalmouth incidents.

A shot from Rockdale's Kenny Slaveski beat the Auburn keeper but hit the post. Three minutes before the break Terry Jones had a chance to score for Rockdale but couldn't control the ball from close

range.

Early in the second half Auburn midfielder Steven Knight missed the perfect opportunity to break the deadlock, but with the Rockdale goalie to beat he shot wide.

In the 61st minute Auburn striker Tony O'Shane snapped up a loose ball in the crowded Rockdale goalmouth but his attempt was cleared off the goalkne.

Rockdale scored the all important winner in the 72nd minute.

A free-kick by Paul Degney was struck against the post by Darren Wilson but the rebound was hammered home by team-mate Ross Brown.

Rockdale coach Illya Tackacs was happy with the result and, in particular, the defensive effort from his team in the second half.

"This is the first game Auburn have lost in 13 weeks. They created a lot of scoring chances during the last 20 minutes but our defensive commitment was excellent."

ROCKDALE: Kotsohamous, Degney, D. Wilson, Pilovski, G. Wilson, Nastevski, Yousuph (Ristevski 55), Staviski, Trajanovski, Brown (Karanfilovski 78), Jones.

AUBURN: Rosano, Geekie, Parfitt, Watt, Planinic, McDermid (Jones 75), Carney, Akouatas, Banates (Townson 75), Knight, O'Shane.

## NSW TABLES

### DIV 1 - GDE 1

Rockdale	15	8	4	2	29	14	22
Monaro	15	8	5	2	46	21	21
Manly	14	7	6	1	27	8	20
B'sland	15	7	5	3	24	15	18
Auburn	15	5	6	3	14	12	18
C'Mile	15	5	5	1	16	25	15
K'gal	15	4	6	5	20	25	14
Polonia	15	3	5	7	13	22	11
Avala	15	3	5	7	21	33	11
Yugal	15	2	5	8	18	23	9
W'gah	14	3	3	8	16	28	9
B'stwn	15	2	5	8	13	32	9

### DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gal	15	10	3	2	33	10	23
C'Mile	15	10	2	3	31	18	22
S'land	15	9	3	3	40	17	21
Manly	14	8	3	3	36	18	20
Rockdale	15	8	3	4	35	21	19
B'stwn	15	7	2	2	26	25	16
Auburn	15	5	5	5	24	23	15
Warringah	14	6	3	5	20	22	15
Avala	15	2	4	9	13	31	8
Monaro	15	4	0	11	10	39	8
Polonia	15	1	4	10	13	34	4
Yugal	15	2	2	11	9	41	6

### DIV 1 - GDE 3

C'Mile	14	10	2	2	32	13	22
Polonia	12	10	0	2	28	9	22
B'stwn	14	9	3	2	31	13	21
De Why	14	8	4	2	36	12	20
B'ltwn U	15	6	4	5	31	13	19
Glad Hby	14	7	2	5	25	16	18
Nth B'stwn	14	6	3	5	28	22	15
Rev Wkrs	13	4	3	2	16	12	12
Artarmon	15	7	1	3	37	43	15
F Meadow	14	5	3	6	24	18	13
Pen Utd	15	5	1	8	27	41	13
W'gong M	14	4	4	6	27	29	12
Belmore	14	4	1	8	22	38	9
Bathurst	14	4	1	9	10	33	9
Per City	14	2	4	8	21	35	8
NSW Uni	14	2	2	10	12	44	6

### DIV 2 - GDE 1

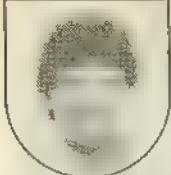
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Belmore	14	4	1	8	22	38	9
Bathurst	14	4	1	9	10	33	9
Per City	14	2	4	8	21	35	8
NSW Uni	14	3	0	11	8	37	6

### NSW DIV 2 - GDE 3

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## CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN



### BYRNE NEW COACH

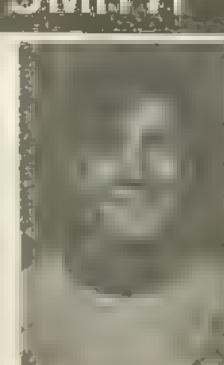
**INJURED** Canberra Arrows skipper Terry Byrne is back on the playing

field but in a different capacity.

Byrne, who missed the 1984 season due to a cruciate ligament operation, has been appointed coach of the Canberra Arrows youth team.

Byrne's appointment follows the resignation of Victor Fernandez, who has taken over the coaching position of NSW State League club Inver-Monaro.

EVERY WEEK ASW WILL PROFILE A PLAYER FROM NSW STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION CLUB, GLADESVILLE HORNSBY.



### JAMIE SMITH

**JAMIE SMITH** is quick, deceptive and deadly accurate in front of goal.

At 17, he is the youngest member of Gladesville Hornsby's first grade squad.

Jamie was promoted to grade football in 1983 after some excellent showings in the U16 Youth League team.

In 1983 he registered with the Gladesville Hornsby U16 Youth League team as well as the State League third grade U18 side.

Foresight by the Gladesville-Hornsby director of coaching has enabled him to blossom as a player.

With the amalgamation of both Gladesville clubs, Ravens and Gladesville Hornsby, Jamie saw his chance to gain a first grade position and through hard work and a dedicated approach, Jamie has fulfilled this ambition.

**NAME:** Jamie Smith.  
**BIRTHDATE:** 20/12/67.

**BIRTHPLACE:** Sydney.

**CLUBS PLAYED FOR:** St Andrews Eastwood, Holy Cross Ryde, Gladesville Hornsby (Youth and Federation).

**POSITIONS PLAYED:** Striker or midfield.

**OCCUPATION:** Student.

**FAVOURITE PLAYER (Australian):** John Kosmuna.

**FAVOURITE PLAYER (Overseas):** Charlie Nicholas.

**FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB:** Glasgow Celtic.

**ULTIMATE AMBITIONS:** To play for Australia and to play at the highest level of Soccer possible.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** My first grade debut for Gladesville.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN CAREER:** My dad.

**COACHES COMMENTS:** "Jamie has a big future ahead of him in the game and he will be an asset to the club," — Keith Piper.

## INTO THE LAST EIGHT

JESMOND HIGH advanced to the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup by beating Tamworth 5-1.

Woonona joined them in the last eight when they beat the strong Kiera team 2-0.

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# CHIT HAT



UNLESS they can find some cash, Adelaide City could be in trouble at the end of this month — that's when guest stars Tommaso Talarico and Nello Scarpa are due to return to Italy.

If they stay any longer, then City will have to pay fees to their club, Entella Chiaveri, in Italy's Interregionale competition.

Talarico is a sharp striker and Scarpa a talented midfielder, with both players having settled in quickly to the City style of play as well as introducing some Italian touches which the fans have appreciated.

**ALAN DAVIDSON** (left) loses this challenge against Juventus during the recent World Soccer Series



WOLLONGONG City did a nice PR job with Bulli youngster Troy Sachs when they made him their team mascot recently.

Troy was the centre of a controversy over Social Service payouts to his parents.

The department stopped a weekly payment to the family which came about because the youngster had only one leg.

Despite having an artificial leg, he is a very good goalkeeper and a keen Wollongong City supporter.

The club made him mascot, supplied him with a full strip and provided season passes to his parents. He also has an autographed soccer ball as his prize possession.

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IF you took a popularity poll among NSW National League clubs, be sure they would name Tim Davies as their favourite referee.

When Leichhardt played Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park recently, Leichhardt requested a "strong" referee. They said they were very happy when Davies got the assignment.

And last Sunday, Canberra Arrows boss Doug Collins said he was very pleased to discover Davies would handle the Olympic v Arrows match, also at Pratten Park.

We always thought all clubs hated all refs! Apparently this is not so.

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SOCER rarely alters the Laws of the Game but an important change was made by FIFA last week.

In future, indirect free kicks awarded in the penalty box will not be taken from the place in which the offence happened.

Instead the ball will be taken to the edge of the box for the free kick.

FIFA argues there has been too much congestion in the penalty area when these kicks were taken. Indeed, the penalty area is just not big enough to accommodate up to 20 players plus the taker of the kick.

Similarly, a dropped ball in the area will also be taken to the edge of the box.

**SOCEROO** and Heidelberg defender Charlie Yankos may have been sent off against arch-rivals South Melbourne recently, but gained sweet revenge the day after the match.

Alan Davidson, South Melbourne's skilful right-back, was trounced by Yankos in a friendly game of squash.

Davidson's excuse: "Charlie was still fresh!"

Yankos had only played for 17 minutes against South Melbourne.

**LEICHARDT APIA** general manager Frank Sbisa reckons his club's Fil Botalico could be the most under-rated coach in the National League.

"Fil has moulded the team into an excellent unit, quite capable of winning the League title — even though there are no real stars in the line-up," said Sbisa.

Leichhardt certainly are a top team and their followers now want to know why players like Peter Tredinnick, Arno Bertogna, John Bradley, Terry Butler and Ian Gray are not automatic choices for the Socceroos.

Gray, of course, WAS in the World Soccer Series, but hardly got a game, while Bertogna pulled out of the series because of job commitments.

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WHEN Greece's Iraklis toured Australia recently, their star performer was centre-forward Vassilis Hatzipanagis... but this glamour player is not the favourite of coach Friedel Rausch.

Rausch, a German who believes only in results, reckons Hatzipanagis is a great entertainer but he doesn't score as many goals as he should.

"What Iraklis really needs is a strong, bustling, goalscorer in the front line," said Rausch.

"I would be happy to take Marshall Soper if he is available," said the Iraklis coach.

He has said all along that he needs two experienced players, but that if he could survive with the current crop of youngsters they would be ready for the big-time next season.

**SYDNEY CROATIA** expect big things from their latest import, Zeljko Jurin, who arrived from second division Yugoslavian club Sibenik last week.

Jurin previously played first division for Zagreb before having to serve in the Army.

He has a cousin in Australia which is one reason why Jurin decided to join Sydney Croatia instead of accepting an offer from a Yugoslavian first division side.

With a new coach, Harry Noon, and Zeljko Jurin, Croatia are confident they'll start climbing the NSL table.

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ASF president Sir Arthur George predicted on TV recently that there would be a new format for the National League in 1985 because the present system had not worked.

NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozetta was not at all impressed by Sir Arthur's comments. "Why don't ASF people leave us alone to work out our own destiny," said Labbozetta.



TERRY BUTLER (left)



ROD SKELTON

**FULL-BACK** Rod Skelton has been on the move this year.

In pre-season, he trained at Marconi, but failed to secure a contract and returned to his club, Leichhardt. However, he failed to hold down a regular place there, and transferred to St George last month.

Next move was to Blacktown City, who required an experienced left back after Tony Rasmussen's serious injury.

**DESPITE** being bottom of the NSL, Wollongong City are planning for next

Coach Adrian Alston is asking the board for money to bring out two players on the books of Preston North End in England.

Alston himself has signed up as coach for 1985, while young midfielder Alex Bandallo also has his name on the dotted line for another

WITH the close season tour to China and Europe, the Socceroos are certainly due for a surfeit of football, following the hectic World Series here and normal club commitments.

Is there a danger of these players — part-timers after all — getting too much of a good thing?

Coach Frank Arok obviously has this at the back of his mind. "It is essential for the national team players to have at the very least four weeks complete break before they kick off the 1985 season," said Arok.

**IF** no outside sponsor is forthcoming, clubs in the 1985 National Soccer League will pay about \$20,000 each to compete in the competition.

Still on money matters, the 24 clubs have been given until the end of this month to become financial with the NSL.

That might not be easy for some of the impoverished ones.



DON CAMPBELL

# SOCER AROUND AUSTRALIA

## NORTHERN NSW GAP AT TOP

BY NEIL JAMESON

**WITH 12 rounds of the Northern NSW premiership completed, the top four situation is looking more cut and dried.**

West Wallsend, Lake Macquarie, Weston and Adamstown have made a break from the field and are already being tipped to claim the four semi-final berths.

Lake Macquarie must be particularly pleased with the performance of the first grade side.

Even when a run of injuries forced coach Mike Trebilcock to delve into his youth ranks, Lakes maintained the impetus by producing some of the best football of the season.

While Central Coast have slipped from contention, Cardiff and Belmont-Swansea both give themselves outside chances of a top four spot.

The two sides have proved this season that they are both capable of upsetting the top teams.

Cardiff are displaying greater stability at the back where tall defender Andy Stankovic has been outstanding.

The Belswans challenge is built around the coaching of Greg Smith and the experience of Trevor Smyth, Derek Bull and Neil Harrower.

For Harrower, 1984 has been a prosperous season as he looks certain to finish among the top three first division goalscorers.

While attendances are not exactly overwhelming, there is reason to suggest the standard of Northern Soccer is healthy.

A number of recently-retired players, most of them in their 30's, are putting time into coaching. Included among them are Greg Smith, Peter Fairleigh, John Clinton, Bill Price and Kevin Lagerstrom.

Additionally, many players with NSL youth and senior experience are appearing with Northern clubs. Their contributions have helped give the premiership an extra bit of polish.

BY 'VAN DIEMAN'

**UNIVERSITY** goalkeeper Steve Darby has transferred to rival Tasmanian Coburg State League club Croatia-Glenorchy, but Darby will play at centre-back for his new club and not in goal.

University are in an unprecedented second spot in the league following their 2-1 win over leaders Juventus-Pioneer, while Croatia are in fifth spot.

Darby made his debut for Croatia in the club's scoreless draw with last-placed Phoenix-Lauderdale.

Asked why he decided to leave University, Darby said: "At this stage in my career I need a challenge and Croatia offered me a very interesting challenge playing on the pitch. I hope to enjoy playing and to help the club secure fourth place in the league."

"I've also had trouble with my hands. It'll be nice not to be blamed for the ultimate mistake in goal."

"I'm enjoying training under Frank Letec. There is a difference in coaching technique at the club because Letec places more emphasis on European techniques."

Darby said there was no animosity between him and University. "I'd recommend University and their coaching staff to anyone. I really did enjoy working under Ron Coutts."



Steve Darby

Scottish Premier League club, Aberdeen, for seven years, said: "We're sorry Steve isn't staying with us but we had two goalkeepers and the other one deserved a chance."

## IT'S A GREEK RIFT

IT would appear a rift has developed at Olympia-WPL between star midfielder, Nick Cook, and coach, Otto Klaus, both of them newcomers to the Tasmanian Greek outfit this season.

Cook, who joined the club from Rapid, and Klaus, who coached northern Tasmanian club, Ulverstone last season, apparently do not see eye-to-eye as to training, team selection and match tactics.

Cook has missed several games, supposedly through injury, but the whole question of his fitness and application has been a matter of dispute between the player and coach Klaus.

"There has been a rift," admitted Klaus, "but it has been healed."

A club official, when asked about the dispute, refused to comment, as did Cook himself.

Olympia-WPL are currently second in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League. Their last match resulted in a 0-0 draw with Metro-Claremont and Cook was substituted in the 71st minute.



## CERNAKA TURNS DOWN OFFER

**BRISBANE CITY** have failed in a bid to sign talented Premier League defender Mick Cernaka from Olympic United.

that desperate to sign Cernaka as they possibly could have got him to a player swap.

Olympic were very keen to sign outstanding Queensland Youth team

BY GREG RUSSELL

striker Mark Barry, who has been playing on loan at Goodwin Park from City this season.

But when City officials heard of Olympic's intentions, they immediately slapped a "not-for-sale" sign on Barry.

"Mark Barry is very much in our plans for 1985 and he was only loaned to Olympic because it was felt playing in the Premier League would help his game, as it obviously has done," City secretary John Ponturo said.

In Orange, Waratahs held second position on the ladder while leaving the CYMS club with a major battle on their hands to fill a semi-final position.

A goal created by Peter Tom and Rob Brown and scored by Steven Hooper after only 40 seconds

## 'BIG FOUR' SCRAPE IN

BY PAT ALLEN

**THE four leading teams in the Mid-State Soccer League all recorded narrow victories to remain as the most likely contestants for honours.**

Lighgow Thistles retain their two-point lead in the competition following their close-fought 3-2 win over East Dubbo United.

By virtue of their loss, United now hold fifth spot two points behind Ex-Services, who scraped home 2-1 against Parkes.

Dubbo South Wanderers kept on the heels of the two leaders but not before a minor flog. At 0-0 with Cowra at half-time, two goals to Mark Astley, one to Wayne Munro and another to Steve Hind enabled Wanderers to secure the points.

A goal created by Peter Tom and Rob Brown and scored by Steven Hooper after only 40 seconds



## FILLING MARIO'S SHOES IS NOT AN EASY JOB

BY PHIL MURPHY

**ILLAWARRA** referee Mario Mastroianni has perfect timing when it comes to being out of action.

Mastroianni burst a blood vessel in his leg while running the line in the Under 19 game between Aris and Port Kembla recently.

The injury prevented him controlling the first grade fixture that day and replacement David Lear had to be escorted from the field by officials after he blew the final whistle.

Port Kembla supporters were unhappy with Lear as he disallowed a goal in injury-time, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

A week later, Mastroianni was still injured and Tony Heap did the Russell Vale-Cringila game in his place.

The result — police were called to protect Heap after he sent Cringila's Nene Nedelkoski from the field.

Now wonder referees are second thoughts about taking over appointments from Mastroianni!

**DAVE DRAIN**, father of Fairy Meadow fullback Ian, thought it was his lucky day when he won the raffle at home game against Bathurst.

It wasn't to be because minutes after the announcement was made Ian went down in a tackle and broke a leg in two places.

Drain, who has played under coach Mike Johnson with Wollon-

gong United, Bankstown and now Fairy Meadow, will miss the rest of the season.

It is a tragedy for the popular young player as he has really made his mark in the first grade side this season.

ILLAWARRA Association publicity officer John Walker scored his first goal in 10 years playing in Fernhill reserves against Cormal.

Walker joined the ISA Council this season, and is proving to be a keen administrator.

He gets little spare time as he also coaches and plays with the Fernhill second team.

Another player to break a 10-year drought has been Fairy Meadow full-back Richard Piec, who grabbed a goal in the reserve grade team's 2-0 win against Bathurst.

Cringila coach Daryl Glover says Micky Tame could be the most important signing he makes this season.

Glover signed Tame from Bellambi two days before Cringila played Dapto and the newcomer played well in their 1-0 win.

They were previously associated at Fernhill and Glover knew Tame's style of play would fit in at Cringila.

Tame likes to play up-front and is an aggressive player even though he isn't that tall.

Brown and striker Jan Cupa were both axed after what Ringland described as disappointing performances.

Brown is highly rated by other coaches and they always plan

City, with defenders like Frank Liddell, Mike Milovanovic, Peter Tokesi and John Kewtan in their squad, obviously were not

# 'SASI' LEADS THE WAY

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

THE South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) is delighted at its link with the SA Soccer Federation.

For two years, it has provided 24 scholarship positions to leading South Australian youth players. During that time, SA has twice been runners-up in the National Youth Championships.

Last year they went down to Victoria 0-5 in the final, after having beaten the Vics 3-2 in the opening round.

This year the same two States contested the final, with SA narrowly going under to a single goal scored late in the game.

In both years, SASI has provided all but one of the 16 players in the State Youth squad.

## Programme

In charge of the SASI squad is SA director of coaching Mike Wells, who had this to say about the big improvement in his charges this year:

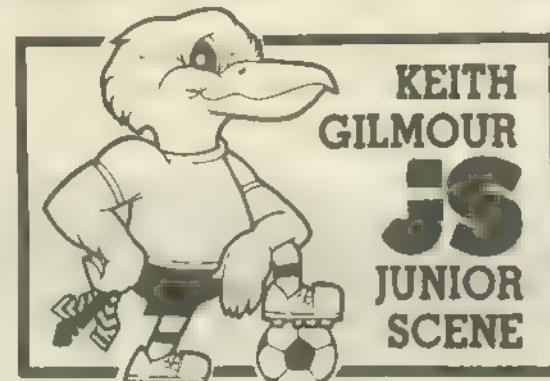
"After last year's heavy defeat in the final, I decided to introduce a build-up programme based on much of what I had learned in Brazil."

"Firstly, through the SASF I set up a technical commission which comprised excellent personnel like Nick Bojanic, Mario Danieli, John Perin and Uros Zavkovic.

"This commission is based on ideas given to me by former Brazilian national coach Carlos Parreira and is similar to the type of structure which now exists in most clubs of Brazil as well as with the national teams.

"As a chief coach to SASI, my function was to design the overall programme, select players, and undertake the physical conditioning and tactical coaching.

"The other members were delegated specialist work in the technical areas, but were also employed as consultants without inhibiting their own innovations.



Whilst Soccer holds approximately one-fifth of the total scholarships awarded to all sports SASI has also seen its role and function of providing South Australia with the largest possible number of Olympians to represent the country in Los Angeles.

## Aim

According to Wells, the work he is achieving through the SA Sports Institute is not just geared to preparing sides for the national youth and junior championships.

It does not see itself in competition with the AIS, it is more a case of complementing the Canberra concept.

SASI believes that it is now an ideal model for other States.

Five have already graduated into the National Soccer League.

They are Alex Tobin of Adelaide City and John Panagis, Steve Papadoopoulos, Nick Malavazos and Theo Stamatelopoulos of West Adelaide.

Another very important aspect has been to stimulate talented coaches not currently tied to clubs.

Assisting Wells directly with the Youth side this year was Perin, whilst Bojanic has been assigned to the junior side.

## MUMS 'LIONISED' AT REVESBY

NEXT Sunday, July 15, is the big day at the home ground of Revesby Milperra Lions Soccer Club, writes Soccer mum Jane Herbert.

For the past seven years the club has run a very successful fund-raising day and for good reasons it is all for the "Lioness Cup".

Teams from places such as Campbelltown to Sutherland, as well as from the local Bankstown District, come to compete.

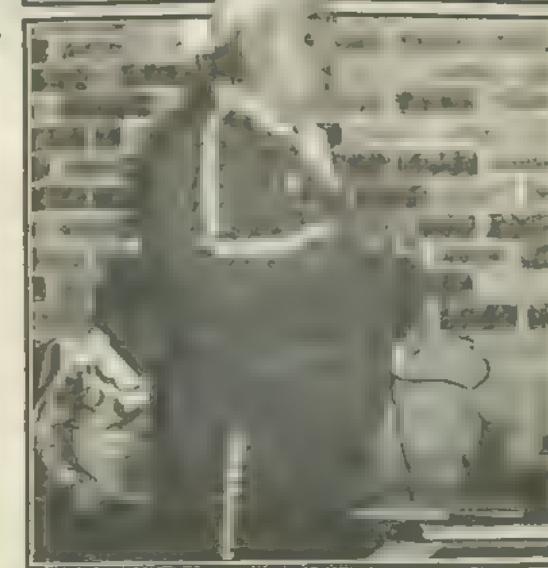
The idea is for the mothers to play in the games. They must have children playing Soccer in their associations, and they cannot be re-

gistered players themselves.

The kiddies may have had to cop it — sweet or sour — from mum all year, but on this occasion a little bit of revenge can creep into proceedings.

Games start at 8.30am, and end at 5.30pm.

By the time the mums have played three round-robin games, fed their cubs and tried to supervise them on the rides and stalls, they must qualify as "super-mums".



The NSW Coaches Federation recently held a seminar at Parklea. Above: Instructor Roy Thomas explains coaching techniques on Parklea's Indoor pitch. Right: former NSW director of coaching Eric Arnell addresses the seminar.

**NSW COUNTRY** and the **ACT** will clash at O'Connor Oval in Canberra in U13, U14 and U15 representative grades on Sunday.

The teams will play for the Jack Gray Memorial Trophy.

Country teams trained at Easter at Parklea in Sydney under coaches Greg Ankudinoff, Johnny Haynes and Vince Balzan.

They have already played the strong Macquarie teams at Valentine Oval in Newcastle.

Bob Maundrell, the NSW Amateurs vice-president, is pleased with the first-up performances of the "boys from the bush".

Discussions are being held to see if a Country U16 side could be established to play in Brisbane next year.

— FRANK FINLAY

## DOWN MEMORY LANE IN NEWCASTLE

**JOHN HOBSON**, Soccer convenor for the CHS Hunter Region, has been involved in school Soccer for many years.

He is seen here with the 1977 Northern NSW side which (Whitebridge) Tony Roder (Lismore), Bruce Stevenson (Broadmeadow), Ross Lawrence (Booragul), Dean Smith (Kotara), John Hobson (coach, Booragul), Geoff Stone (manager, Glendale).

Peter Tredinnick, on the verge of the national squad, and tough NSL defender Michael Boogaard, have since scaled the heights.

Pictured are: Back Row: Bill Turner (president Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation), John Carr (Whitebridge), Dale Rowney (Broadmeadow). Front row: Perry Cannavale (Warners Bay), Michael Cowan (Kotara), Michael Boogaard (Booragul), Brad Way (Booragul), Neville Hamilton (Merewether), Peter Tredinnick (Booragul), Andy Wilcox (Lismore), Darren Turnbull (Kurri) and David Richards



# SLICKERS STRONG IN HOLLAND, ENGLAND

SYDNEY CITY'S Under 12 players are back in harness in the Southern and Eastern Soccer Association competitions after enjoying a fabulous trip to Europe.

The young Slickers, reinforced by other local players, had an excellent tour.

Coached by Ipswich Town and England defender Terry Butcher, they won the 36-team Ipswich five-a-side with seven wins, a draw and three losses from 11 outings.

In Holland, they contested the Sorbo Cup against 12 teams, with four in their own group.

The tournament was for boys of 13 and 14, so Sydney City played boys generally two years older than themselves.

They won two preliminary games 1-0 and drew the other 0-0 to tie for first place in their group.

That brought them to a penalty shoot-out, which was lost in a spine-tingling display, with 300 excited people gathered around the goals.

The series organisers were so impressed by the displays of the young Australians that they were awarded a replica of the cup — all 3'3" of it.

The idea now is to stage an annual tourna-

ment in Sydney with the cup being contested on a regular basis.

At Ipswich, an employee at Westerfield House made a special box to house the trophy for return with the boys. The trophy and box weighed 65 kg and was brought back by Garuda Airlines.

The Sydney City party comprised 19 players and six adults including manager Steve Serda and coach Steven Bangs.

The party arrived in Amsterdam and stayed six days at the well-

appointed Bakker Hotel at Vorden. All expenses were met by Dutch company Nedac B.V.

In Holland, the boys won their trial 3-2 against Weintjesvoort and also visited the International Sports Centre where the Dutch National team trains.

The party also called on First Division club Utrecht FC.

After a one-day call into Belgium, the party went on to England and Westerfield House in Ipswich.

And they made the acquaintance of famed former Manchester United and England star Bobby Charlton.

Games in Holland were based on skill but the English were much tougher to the tackle. This was especially so in the Liverpool area.

They played Ajax Juniors, the Liverpool champions, who had just returned from a six-nation tour of Europe where they won the European five-a-side.

The score was 3-3 with Ajax, who classed the Australians as the best team they had played anywhere.

The players then attended the Tottenham-Manchester United game, played Indoor Soccer, visited schools and won their match in Cambridge on Astro turf 2-1.

Ricki Somboli, the over-age player on the tour, was invited to trial with Ipswich Schoolboys and it is possible that he will return.

The aim of the squad is to do well in 1985 and the plan is to go back in 1986.



The Sydney City party in a happy mood. Included are regular club U12 players Jason Serda, Danny Klein, David Sygall, Michael Barrose, Mathew Dihm, Simon Beaufils, Darryl Zeiderman, Trent Luck, Cary Bangs, David Lauric, David Somboli, Alan Nizrahi, Ricki Somboli. Guest players were Matthew Thompson (Ku-ring-gai), Grant Thompson (Lindfield), Robert Phillips (Albion Park), Scott Connors (George's River).



Cary Bangs (left) and Simon Beaufils (right) support the mammoth Sorbo Cup but Frank Howard of Westerfield House backs up. This is the huge 3'3" trophy that the boys from Sydney City brought back from Holland.

## OLYMPIC GO DOWN

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's U16 team tasted defeat for the first time this season when they went down 1-2 to Manly at Cromer Park.

Olympic could not put a foot right at the crucial moments.

The goals against them came when their goalkeeper pulled down a Manly opponent in desperate circumstances and then when an offside trap misfired.

The U15 team won 4-3 in an exciting encounter.



## MELITA WAITING

FOR a few years Melita Eagles were frustrated in their wish to run junior teams in the Granville District Soccer Football Association.

Amongst the reasons given was that their area in South Granville was covered by existing junior clubs.

Leaving aside the point of whether senior clubs should run teams in junior associations as distinct from the NSW Youth League, the fact is that Melita finally won their case.

They appealed to the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation against a Sydney Branch decision and won out.

But time had gone by and they could not get their act together for 1984.

Even now they have had precious little advice of what their position will be in 1985.

They are seeking clear notice that Granville will affiliate them in 1985.

Melita as it stands should be in no different position to Marconi and APIA, both of whom run teams in Southern Districts and Canterbury respectively.

They should be supplied with a letter which clearly commits Granville Association to admit their club next season.

## NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

### ROUND 23 — JULY 7

#### GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
South Dist v St George	2-3	1-2	1-1	0-9
Auburn v Illawarra	1-1	1-6	0-1	2-0
APIA v Yugal	2-0	6-0	—	8-0
Blacktown City v Macarthur	0-0	4-0	1-1	1-0
Canterbury Asn v Melita	mel	mel	1-0	1-4
Bankstown v Baulkham Hills	1-6	1-0	4-0	0-1
Ku-ring-gai v Croatia	0-2	2-1	1-0	0-2

#### GROUP B

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Manly v Sydney Olympic	2-1	0-1	3-4	2-1
Nepean v Marconi	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3
Sutherland v Rockdale	1-4	3-0	6-1	6-1
Cant-Marr v Nth Bankstown	2-4	2-1	1-0	0-1
Central Coast v Blacktown	3-3	1-2	1-0	1-2
Avala v Granville	0-4	1-0	1-1	1-1
Gladesville v Sydney City	-	washed out		

#### GROUP C

	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
Marconi v Sutherland	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-1	
North Bankstown v Manly	3-0	1-1	0-2	0-2	
Blacktown v Cant.Marr.	0-3	4-3	1-1	2-0	
Sydney City v Central Coast	0-10	0-4	1-0	1-2	
Granville v Gladesville	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	
Rockdale v Avala	1-4	2-1	0-4	no res.	
Sydney Olympic v Nepean	-	postponed			

### METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### ROUND II

#### U12 U13

	U12	U13
Southern Dist v Illawarra	0-2	2-1
Central Coast v Bankstown	2-5	0-3
Canterbury v Nepean	1-1	1-3
Granville v Gladesville	1-0	4-1
Blacktown v Sutherland	0-2	1-1
St George, Ku-ring-gai - byes		

### STATE WIDE CUPS

	U14	U15	U16
U14: Beverly Hills 16, Bundeena RSL 0; Penrith RSL 5, Marrickville 2; Earlwood Wanderers 2, Hills Independent 1; Hornsby Heights 3, Southern Tablelands 0; Kirrawee 1, Forbes Asn 0. Griffith, Winston Hills, Engadine Eagles byes.			
U15: Chullora 1, Five Dock RSL 0; Kirrawee 3, Castle Hill A 2; Forbes Asn 4, North Rangers 2, Canterbury 3, Sylvan 2; Panania RSL A 3, Wahroonga 1; Penrith RSL 4, Yagoona 0, Richmond 3, Marrickville 0, St Christopher 1, Engadine Eagles 0.			
U16: Belgrave RSL 5, Padstow United 2; Hoxton Park 4, APIA 1; Castle Hill Sports 5, Kissing Pt 3; Belmore 3, Panania RSL 2; Chullora 4, Epping YMCA 1; Epping-Eastwood 2, Sans Souci 1; Pendle Hill A byes.			
U21: Robertson Cup: Parkies 2, Miranda Magpies 0; Revesby Lions B 4, Lilli Pilli 2; Panania RSL 3, Pendle Hill 2; Revesby Lions A 3, Five Dock RSL 0.			
NSW Amateur Cup: North Shore Hellas 5, Dubbo RSL 3; Ryde RSL 3, Givary Bay 2, Lavington 3, Lugarno 2; Carlingford Rangers 4, Canterbury 2; Como West-Jannali 2, Hurstville Memorial 2; Loftus Rovers 3, Wahroonga 1; Carlingford Redbacks 2, Miranda Magpies 0; Sans Souci 6, Mudgee 0.			

## SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.

These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.



# VENUE FOR KEEGAN



THE PARC DES PRINCES STADIUM IN PARIS

## EUROPEANS BRING BACK ATTACK!

**ATTACK!** That's the key word in European football right now — and it brought a breath of fresh air to the sport during the recent European Championship.

Dave Sexton, manager of England's Under 21 squad, watched all the important games in the Championship and was staggered to see so many teams taking risks by throwing so much into attack.

As Sexton said: "In the fortnight, the goalkeepers have looked bad, the full-backs nonexistent and it is difficult to find a central defender who actually defends."

"But, my God, have I seen some fantastic goals and great attacking players."

France, the winners of the title, achieved their success through their brilliant midfield, according to team coach Michel Hidalgo.



MICHEL HIDALGO

able to do everything ... win the ball, pass the ball, and score goals. If they can do that, you need only three at the back and two in the forward line."

France now has a brilliant midfield of Platini, Giresse, Tigana, Fernandez and Ferreri.

"I spent nine years looking for these players and now I think we have the right balance," said Hidalgo.

Strangely enough, now he has built his ideal team, Hidalgo is quitting as national team boss.

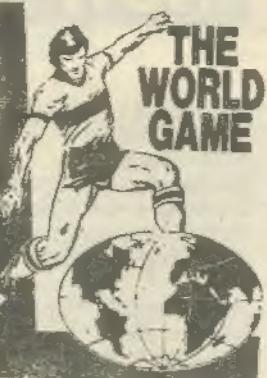
"I've had the job for nine years and it is time for me to get some peace of mind and hand over."

"Those five must be

to a younger man who, maybe, has new ideas," said the French coach.

Hidalgo is only 51 and his admirers claim this is too young to get out of one of Europe's top jobs.

His successor will be Henri Michel ... who clearly has a hard act to follow.



## LATIN TOUR ATTRACTS THE THUGS

**SOUTH AMERICA** has now had a taste of the "ugly British football fan" but this time, the trouble had a different angle.

On the flight from Montevideo to Santiago, English wingers, Mark Chamberlain and John Barnes — both black men — had to endure disgusting and obscene racist chanting from a group of National Front people who accompanied the English team on tour.

The incident was

serious enough to bring complaints from many of the people on the aircraft.

"Get rid of the blacks," was the theme of the abuse.

The people causing the trouble were not the normal hooligan types who cause so much disturbance when they travel to Europe for football

matches. Some of them were well-educated people but viciously determined to bring anguish to Chamberlain and Barnes.

It now seems UK fans have the financial ability to travel anywhere in the world to bestow their particular sickness on everyone.

## BARCELONA BECKONS BIG MAL

**MALCOLM ALLISON**, sacked a few weeks ago as Middlesbrough manager, is in line for a top European job.

Barcelona have made him an offer to move to Spain as an assistant to their new boss Terry Venables.

Allison, meanwhile, is enjoying life in the USA, where he is helping Rodney Marsh coach Tampa Bay Rowdies.

"I'll have to make a

EDER'S NOT GOING

where the cash will come from but that doesn't worry Eder.

As Pele proved in his great days, Brazilian clubs do manage to hang on to their priceless gems occasionally.

Eder is rated the world's best taker of free-kicks, although his international team-mate Zico might dispute that.

**THE Variety Club of France, which plays charity matches all over the world, has made a most important signing — former England skipper Kevin Keegan.**

Keegan signed on the dotted line to play in all of the club's charity matches, but he'll receive expenses only.

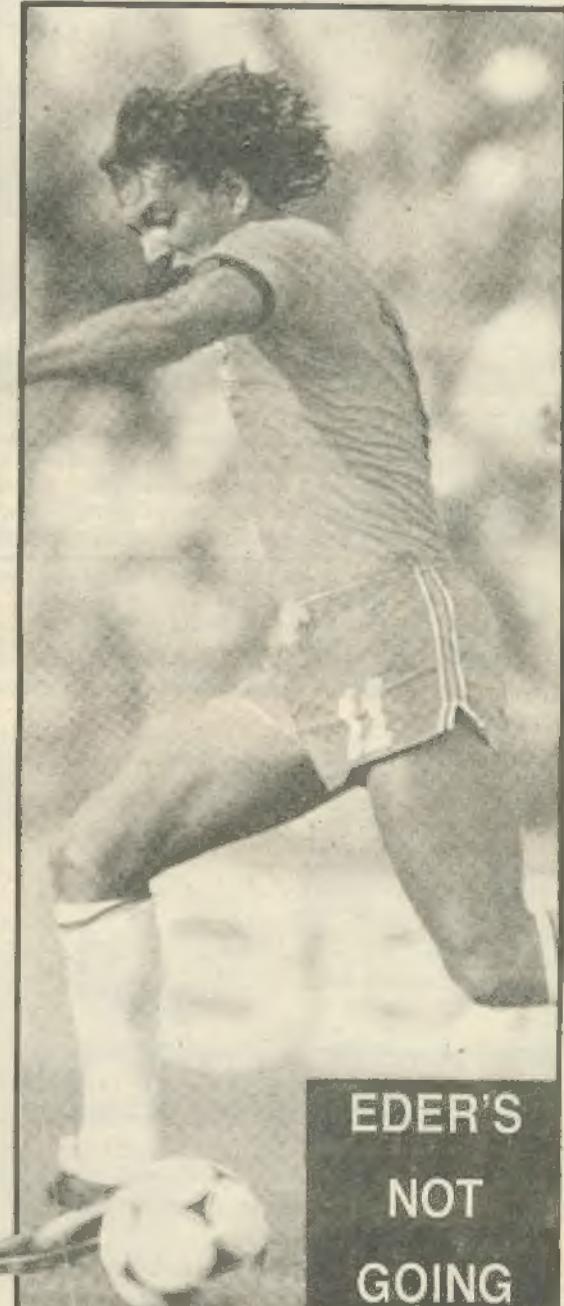
His first game will be on September 4 at the magnificent Parc des Princes, scene of last month's European title final.

Variety Club chairman Thierry Roland said: "Kevin had to consider a lot of offers but we got in first and snatched him. It is a great capture."

Keegan is living in Marbella on Spain's Costa del Sol right now, which suggests he knows how to enjoy life without Soccer.

The Variety Club of France is now hoping to sign another top English international, former West Ham star Trevor Brooking.

## KEVIN PLANS RETURN



**ONE** Brazilian 1982 World Cup star who will NOT be moving to Italy is winger Eder.

Eder has just signed a new contract with the Atletico Mineiro club and it will guarantee him \$25,000 a month plus bonuses.

Nobody really knows



**TOMMY DOCHERTY** was in his usual cheerful form when he chatted to the press after settling in as Wolverhampton Wanderers' new team manager.

Said the Doc: "This is my 16th job. Wolves picked me because they wanted an experienced man — and I've got experience. Plenty of it!

"This job will be different to all the others because Wolves are skint, completely skint."

"Even at my last English club, Preston North End, I was able to sell a player to get cash to buy what I

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wanted — but the market is different now.

"I've always been a wheeler-dealer. I

# THE DOC'S BACK IN BUSINESS

## 'NUTCASE' TAG FOR THE NEW WOLVES BOSS

used to do my Soccer shopping at Harrods. Now I must go to the cash-and-carry, without any cash.

"This means going through all the free transfer lists.

"Tough? Never. This isn't work it's pure

enjoyment," added Docherty.

The Doc has received dozens of good luck telegrams since being appointed to the Wolves job, but he didn't like

one note sent from the immortal bard's Strat-

ford on Avon.

That note said: "Dear Tommy Docherty. I think you're a nutcase.

— off!"

Docherty laughed: "There's always somebody who wants to spoil a party."

## WALSH THE EXPENSIVE LEARNER

SOME good judges reckon Liverpool's new front runner Paul Walsh has a long way to go before he can claim a regular place in the English international team.

One critic is Mike Langley of the 'Sunday People' who says the Liverpool coaching staff and players must do a severe straightening-out job on Walsh.

Langley says they must teach him to stop running into defenders, to play in matches as capably as he does at training and to avoid off-the-field hassles.

"Only then will Walsh become the urgently-needed understudy to Tony Woodcock," writes this well-respected football scribe.

Isn't it strange that there can be so much wrong with a player who was bought by Liverpool from Luton Town for \$1,500,000?

## ROBSON HAPPY NOW

QUOTE from Bobby Robson, manager of England's international team: "I don't think I'll be doing any more experimenting. You can look for a more stable, continuous England team now."

"I already have a firm idea of the squad I will take to Mexico for the 1986 World Cup."

Assuming, of course, England are able to qualify for the World Cup!

## UNITED STAR IS OUT

MANCHESTER UNITED'S plan to team up Scotsman Alan Brazil and Irishman Frank Stapleton in a powerful striking duo will have to be delayed.

Stapleton has had an operation on his injured knee and has little chance of being fit for the start of the new season.

He collected the injury playing for the Republic of Ireland.

United physio Jim McGregor said Stapleton had a foreign body removed from the knee. "He could miss a couple of weeks of the new season," said McGregor.

**STAPLETON (left)**  
challenged by Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe.

## DOUBLE GOALS NOT TAKEN

PROBABLY the main lesson England learned from the South American tour was that easy chances have to be put away in international matches.

Team manager Bobby Robson claims England threw away 20 goalscoring openings in their 0-0 draw against Chile.

And QPR centre-forward Clive Allen tossed away a hat trick when Uruguay beat the Englishmen 2-0.

At least the chances are being created even if they are not accepted.

Robson's 4-2-4 system can upset opposing defences but it is a sobering thought that it has brought only one victory (against Brazil) in England's last six games.

**SIMON SAYS 'YES'**



**NEW QPR boss Alan Mullery quickly moved to make sure his top forward Simon Stainrod did not depart to newly-promoted Sheffield Wednesday.**

after talks with the club chairman."

Mullery's next headache will be getting England centre-half Terry Fenwick to agree to terms.

Fenwick played well on the national team's South American trip and, as captain of the club, he is an important figure at QPR.



## RIX IS NOT GOING

**GRAHAM RIX** (left) has changed his mind about leaving Arsenal.

Rix contacted Arsenal while away on holiday and said he would sign a new contract when he returns.

It was feared Rix might follow the well-worn path from Britain to the Continent of Europe.

Arsenal boss Don Howe is delighted that his midfield star Rix is not quitting.

"Graham is a key man in our plans and we are very happy to secure his future," said Howe.

"Now all the players are signed up and we have no contract problems for the new season."

## RON IS IN ISRAEL TROUBLE

**TROUBLE** in Israel ... and it concerns the headline Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson.

There is an inquiry going on about the part Atkinson played in organising a five-a-side tournament in Tel Aviv after he returned from United's Australian tour.

The English F.A. was alarmed to discover Atkinson took several prominent players to Israel to play, without permission being given by their clubs.

Among the players were Ian Rush, Graeme Souness, Phil Thompson, Craig Johnston, David McCreary and Terry McDermott.

Rush, top goalscorer in the first division, said he thought the F.A. knew all about the Israeli affair.

It is estimated that up to \$8,000,000 worth of top talent played in Israel and if any stars had been injured, the balloon would have gone up.

Atkinson, called "Romeo Ron" in the London Daily Mirror after his love affair with Maggie Harrison was plastered over many front pages, took Maggie to Israel for the trip.

Nigel Bird, assistant secretary of the English F.A., said: "I certainly knew nothing about this Israel competition. Players under contract have to get permission before they can play for anyone else in any competition."



# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



ROUND 16

SUNDAY JULY 15, 1984

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LEICHHARDT

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CANBERRA ARROWS

Henson Park 3pm

MARCONI

v

ST GEORGE

Marconi Stadium 3pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA

v

BLACKTOWN CITY

Melita Stadium 3pm

PENRITH CITY

v

SYDNEY CITY

Cook Park, St Marys 3pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

v

SYDNEY CROATIA

Pratten Park 3pm

WOLLONGONG CITY

v

BRISBANE LIONS

Towradgi Oval 3pm



ADELAIDE CITY

v

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

BRISBANE CITY

v

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Spencer Park 3pm

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

v

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

Olympic Park No 2 3pm

FOOTSCRAY

v

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Schintler Reserve 3pm

GREEN GULLY

v

WEST ADELAIDE

Green Gully 3pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED

v

PRESTON

Olympic Village 3pm